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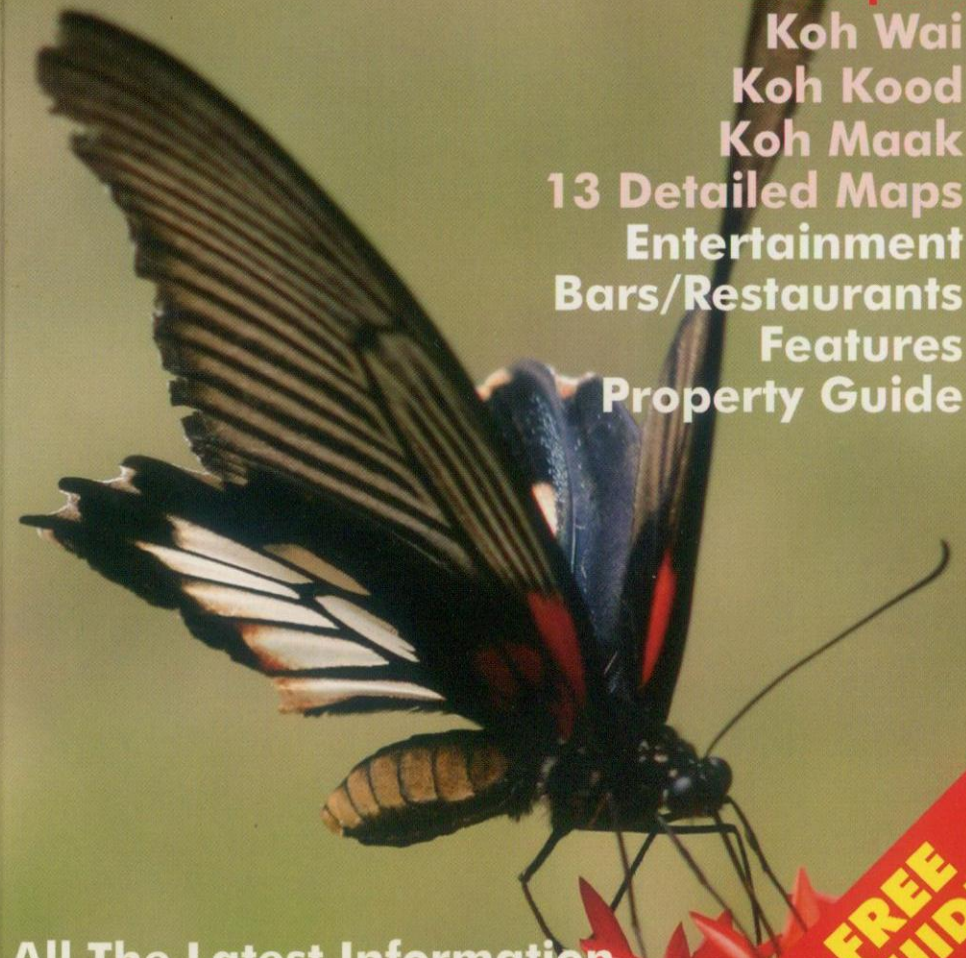
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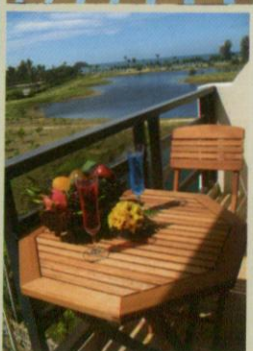
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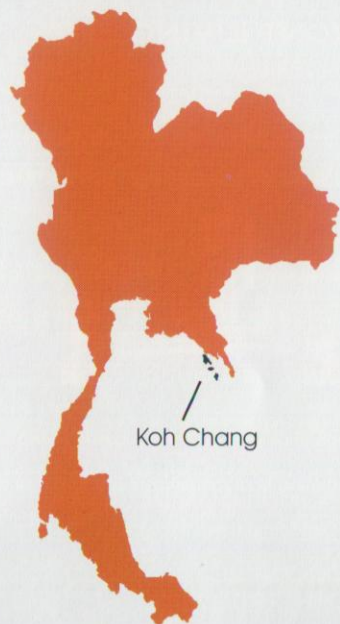


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Welcome to the Second 2008 issue of our Koh Guidebook. Regular readers will notice that we have improved our design again. Now we are printing in **full colour** throughout. We're celebrating by running some of our best ever photography. We hope that you like the new look and find the guide useful during your stay.

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Bangkok Airways Flight Schedule

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PG307 Dep. - 17.30 pm Arrive - 18.35 pm	PG308 Dep. - 19.05 pm Arrive - 20.00 pm

Schedule changes are not uncommon so you might want to check www.bangkokair.com for the latest flight times. The Trat office of Bangkok Airways can be reached on 039-525-777 and the airport contact is 039-525-767/8.

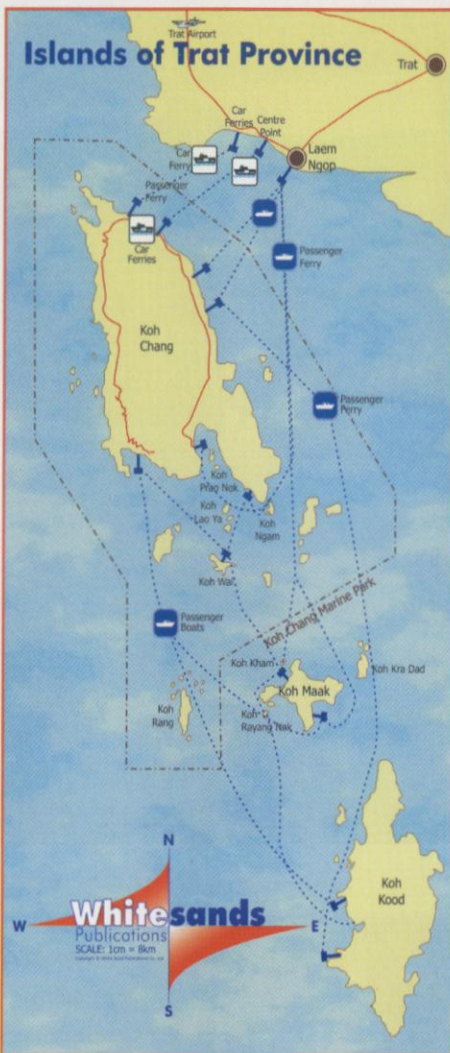
If you take the later flight and it is delayed in any way then don't worry - they hold the last ferry to Koh Chang to meet minibuses from the airport.

Buses From Bangkok

Probably the best way to get down to Koh Chang is by bus from Either Ekamai - Bangkok's Eastern Bus terminal, or Morchit - the Northern terminal. The frequent departures from both are detailed in the table below. Buses take from four to six hours to get down to Trat or to the Koh Chang. Most convenient are the buses run by Tanakawee or 99 Express that go directly to the ferry stops at Centrepont and Ao Thammachat. Expect to pay around 250 Baht for your journey.

If you get a bus to Trat, the nearest town to Koh Chang you will arrive at Trat's new bus station, about 1km out of town (See the Trat Map). Taxis will be waiting to take you to the 20 kilometres to the Koh Chang ferry for about 180 Baht. You can reduce this to 40-50 Baht if you are prepared to wait and take a shared taxi.

There are also minibuses that pick up from guesthouses around Khao San Road in Bangkok and travel directly to the ferry departure point at Laem Ngop. Bookings can be made from any of the scores of travel agents in this area. The buses leave at 7-8am and take 5 or 6 hours. The trip costs around 250B including ferry crossing.



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Buses From Suvarnabhumi Airport

All the bus services that leave from Morchit bus terminal stop to pick up passengers at Suvarnabhumi airport's bus station. This is linked to the airport by a free white shuttle bus. The 99 Express buses from Ekamai also stop here. For departure times add twenty minutes to the Bangkok departure times in the timetable.

Buses From Pattaya/Koh Samet

Daily minibus services operate from Pattaya via Ban Pae (ferry port for Koh Samet) to the ferry departure point at Laem Ngop. The cost is around 400B from Pattaya or 300B from Ban Pae and the journey takes 4 or 2.5 hours respectively.

Going to Laem Ngop the service leaves Pattaya at 8am. It picks up in Ban Pae at 11am. A return service leaves Laem Ngop at 1pm daily. Public buses leave for Pattaya from Trat's bus station at 05.00, 09.30, 12.00 and 15.00 daily. It's a long hot journey and the minibus option is more comfortable.

By Car

Eastern Thailand and its islands can be easily reached by road and three regular car ferries operate to Koh Chang.

There are two main driving routes from Bangkok, both around 310km long.

The first route is to take Highway 3, the Bangna - Trat road. There is a quicker elevated tollway running above Highway 3. Continue until the Chonburi Bypass and here turn off onto Highway 344. Follow this road past Ban Bung and when you reach the Klaeng Crossroads turn back onto Highway 3 and continue on towards Trat.

Alternatively you can leave Bangkok on the Motorway that is a continuation of the Rama IX, Srinikarin road. This road goes onwards and meets highway 344 where you can continue to Trat as detailed above.

To avoid Trat and go directly to the ferry departure points turn right onto the well-signposted Laem Ngop road about 20km outside Trat.

Driving from Pattaya take Highway 36 which joins Highway 3 heading towards Trat shortly after Rayong.

Private transfers to and from the island can be arranged with Evolution Tour on 089 603 9642.

Travel From Cambodia

If you're coming to Koh Chang from Cambodia then it is most convenient to head for the border crossing at Hat Lek, close to the Cambodian town of Koh Kong. One month Thai visas can be obtained for free at the border. Just over the border in Thailand a minibus to Trat leaves every 45 minutes during border opening hours. It costs 100 Baht and takes just over an hour.

In Cambodia you can get to Koh Kong via daily minibus services from both Phnom Penh





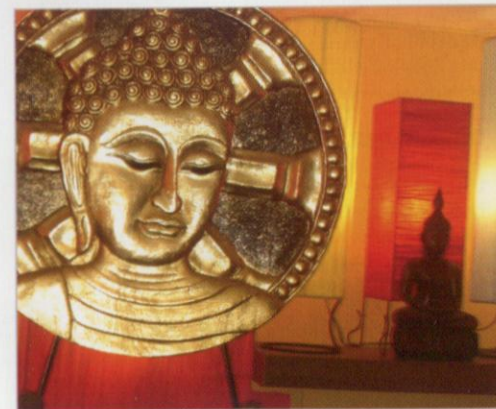



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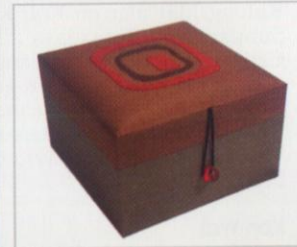
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Once you have arrived in Trat the you can take individual or shared taxis directly to the Koh Chang ferries.

Boats To The Islands Koh Chang


A car ferry operates from Ao Thammachat on the mainland to Ao Sapparat on Koh Chang. Ao Thammachat is 9km from Laem Ngop and 17km from Trat Airport. A second ferry goes from Centrepont, 3 km up the coast from Laem Ngop. Times and prices are as scheduled below.

Koh Chang Ferry Timetable

Ao Thammachat (039-518-588/9)	Centrepont (039-538-196)
First Ferry - 06.30 am Last Ferry - 07.00 pm Every 45 minutes	First Ferry - 06.00 am Last Ferry - 07.00 pm Every 1 hour
Prices (Return) Car: 200B, Person: 120B	Prices (Return) Car: Free, Person: 140B


A small fishing boat passenger ferry leaves the main pier in Laem Ngop hourly from 6am to 6pm now arriving at Dan Mai in Koh Chang. The cost is around 60B and the journey takes an hour. It is atmospheric, if slower and less convenient than the car ferries

On arrival share taxis wait to take passengers to the various beaches. White Sands Beach (Hat Sai Khao) is 40B, Klong Prao is 50B, Kai Bae 60B and Hat Ta Nam (Lonely Beach) costs 80B. A taxi goes to Bang Bao once daily at 4pm. NB - In the quieter season these taxis will often not leave until they are full unless you hire the whole taxi for 400 baht or so. It is unfair but there is no point arguing - pay or wait.



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Bang Bao Boat also offer a daily service to these islands. Contact 087 054 4300.

Nemo Sea Cat is a new high speed catamaran service between the mainland, Dan Mai Pier in Koh Chang and Koh Mak. Boats leave Koh Mak at 7am and 1 pm daily. The service to Koh Mak leaves Laem Ngop at 10.30am and 4.30pm stopping at Dan Mai pier at 10.45am and 4.45pm. Call 039-551-529 for more information.

Koh Kood

With the building of new resorts on Koh Kood boat services going there have improved.

A ferry run by War Choke Wuttichai leaves for Koh Kood from Dan Khao, 5km out of Trat. Ask at your guesthouse or get a Trat car or motorbike taxi to get you there. This ferry departs for Koh Kood at 10am on Tuesdays and Fridays. A return service leaves from Khlong Mat pier on Koh Kood at 10am on Sundays and Thursdays. The cost is 200B. Call 089 825 2389 - Thai language only.

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Other Islands

A host of boat trips are available from Koh Chang to some of the other islands. Travel between Koh Chang, Koh Rayang, Koh Maak, Koh Wai and Koh Kood can also be arranged with these tours. See the activities section of the guide for details of these boat services.

Getting Around Koh Chang

On Koh Chang hourly share taxis run between all the beaches as far as Lonely Beach and the ferry terminals from 6am until late evening. They can be flagged down anywhere and used to travel around the island. If you are planning to return to your hotel late at night don't rely on the taxis since evening



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services are a bit erratic. Either book a taxi yourself or take advantage of the transport services that are increasingly being offered by many of the hotels, bars and restaurants on the island.

Alternatively cars, motorcycles and bicycles can be hired from many hire firms and resorts. Cowboy in Chai Chet rent a range of Cars and Bikes. They can be contacted on 081 520 0339. Roads are of variable quality and there are some dangerous hill sections. **If you are an inexperienced motorcycle rider then think carefully before hiring a motorbike.** Every year the island has quite a few road deaths and many visitors have their trip spoiled by a motorcycle accident. If you don't wear a helmet the local police will be waiting to fine you.

A new and novel way to get off the beaten track onto some off the quieter back roads of the island is to hire an All Terrain Vehicle from either Adventure Koh Chang ATV in Chai Chet, Klong Prao and Kai Bae or from Koh Chang Offroad ATV in Chai Chet. They have a training course to learn the ropes and then you are free to explore a network of nearby dirt roads with some great sea views.

We keep hearing rumours that some hotels advise their guests not to go out and travel

around the island because 'it isn't safe'. Obviously, the usual road risks aside, this is preposterous. It would be a shame if you came to the island and didn't have a look at all the great things that it has to offer.

Leaving Koh Chang

When leaving the island from any of the main beaches wait anywhere on the road about 45 minutes before ferry departure and share taxis will stop and pick you up as they pass taking you to the ferry departure point. If you are travelling to Trat airport then you can book a minibus that will take you directly to the airport. Book this on 039 525 775/6.

Travel Agencies

On Koh Chang you will find that you can book transport and island activities at any of scores of little travel agents. But how can you know which ones are reliable? There is one way. Travel agencies in Thailand can apply for official recognition through the Tourist Authority of Thailand (T.A.T.). After paying a deposit and passing a review the T.A.T. issues them with a license number.

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It can rain heavily in the wet season but rainfall is by no means constant. Indeed sunny days are still common. Many resorts on the outer islands close during the rains but all the resorts and facilities on Koh Chang remain open and this can be a good time to visit for those seeking a quieter holiday. The busiest time for visitors to the region is December to April.

Tourist Information

There is a Tourist authority of Thailand (TAT) office in Laem Ngop. Phone - 039-597-258/60.

Information on Koh Chang National Park can be obtained from the National Parks offices in Laem Ngop (Tel. - 039-538-100) or from the office in Koh Chang (see map).

Health & Medical Facilities

Koh Chang International Clinic, part of the Bangkok Hospital group, (039-551-555 or www.kohchanginterclinic.com) is located on White Sands Beach. They are open 24 hours a day.

P.P. Clinic are opposite Koh Chang Dental Clinic in Klong Prao. They provide general medical services from a qualified surgeon as well as a range of plastic surgery treatments. Contact them on 039-557-211 or 085-222-3935.


There is a small hospital in Koh Chang just south of where the mainland ferry arrives (Phone - 039 521 657). Khlong Son, Kai Bae, Khlong Prao and Bang Bao also have small clinics.

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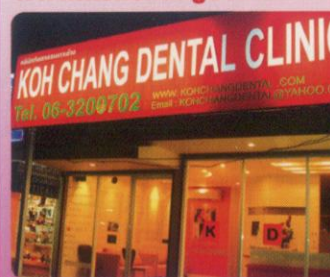
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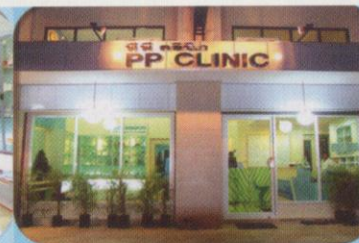
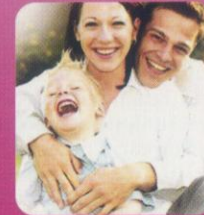
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The region has Malaria although cases are very rare. It is more of a risk in the monsoon. Take the usual precautions.

Increasingly people are using their holidays in Thailand to get dental work done. Dentists here are as good as in the rest of the world and charge a fraction of the prices in Europe and the US. Now you can use the Koh Chang Dental Centre or Baan More Fun Dentist in Trat to get your teeth healthy. Contacts are 086-320-0702 and 039-557-235.

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Animal Health Services

Koh Chang is fortunate to have a non-profit organisation devoted to animal welfare. The Koh Chang Animal Foundation offer all kinds of inoculations and veterinary services from their clinic in Klong Son on the road leading to Ban Kwan Chang Elephant Camp. Lisa McIlonie is the organisation's founder and through her dedication she has made Koh Chang a better place. You can contact the Foundation on 089-042-2347. Donations are gratefully accepted and always put to good use.

Emergencies

In the event of a medical emergency after normal ferry hours contact the Koh Chang International Clinic call centre on 1719 or Bangkok Trat Hospital on 039-532-735. They arrange for emergency evacuation by boat and ambulance to Trat.

The main police station on Koh Chang is at Dan Mai. They can be contacted on 039-586-191. There are also police stations in White Sands Beach (Tel. 039-551-544) and in Kai Bae. Alternatively the Tourist Police can be contacted on 039-557-287 or 1155.

Banks

Koh Chang now has ATMs all over the place so withdrawing cash is no problem. There

are also several banks and foreign exchange offices at the main beaches.

There are many banks in Trat with ATMs. Various hotels and guesthouses will change both traveller's cheques and cash but the rates offered are lower than the banks. Many resorts and restaurants also accept credit card payments.

Communications

Trat has several small Internet cafes and guesthouses that charge 1B per minute for e-mail. Koh Chang and Koh Maak have Internet access from 1B per minute via satellite or phone connections. See the maps for locations.

If you have been to Koh Chang before note that the island's main Post Office, which used to be on White Sand Beach has moved to a new, larger building, just over the hill at Pearl Beach. There are now also smaller post offices opposite Grand View resort on White Sand Beach and at the end of the pier in Bang Bao.

Postage rates are reasonable. A small postcard to any country is 12B and large postcards are 15B. Air-mail letters start at 14 Baht and increase depending on destination and size. The post office will not send letters with stamps of insufficient value so it is best to get them weighed and stamped in the post office to be sure that they will be delivered.

Local and national phone calls can be made at several of the resorts and businesses on the island (10B/min local or 40B/min international are typical prices). There are international phone terminals on most of the main beaches.

Immigration

The regional immigration office is located at Laem Ngop. The office has recently moved (again) from its old location. It is now located in the centre of Laem Ngop. It is located 50 metres down the last right turn before the sea on the main road heading from Trat. The location is marked on the Koh Chang Map. They can deal with visa extensions and other queries here. If you have a 30 Day Visa for Thailand you can extend this for up to 10 days. You can also get a one month extension on a two month visa. These extensions cost 1,900 Baht each. Phone 039-597-261.

Conservation

Please remember that you are in a national park. Avoid littering and leave Koh Chang as beautiful as you found it.

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We are lucky, as always, to have been provided with some great images for this issue. So many thanks to Sil, Kerrily, Steve, Angelo, The Fly and anyone else who kindly provided us with images. If you have any pictures you would like to see in print then please get in touch with us and we'll try and include them in our next issue.

Important Dates & Events

On Thai public holidays banks, post offices etc. are closed but all transport and most tourism-related businesses still operate as normal.

April

07 Monday Chakri Day
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13-14-15-16 Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed Songkran
Thailand's New Year is celebrated by the famous water festival - get involved and you'll have great fun

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Successful author Andrew Hicks keeps on returning to Koh Chang, the setting for his bestselling novel "Thai Girl". This issue he gets a new perspective on the island.

Koh Chang is Thailand's second biggest island, a dragon's back of jungle clad mountains asleep on a warm tropical sea. As I sketch out this story sitting by my beach hut under the palm trees, the sky is blue, the horizon sharp and the gentle waves are swishing up a beach of perfect white sand. No wonder it's called White Sands Beach.

This sounds like a parody of a southern paradise but I just can't keep away. Cat and I were here for my sixtieth and there was no reason to wait for the earth to go full circle before coming back on holiday for a week or two.

Koh Chang is unrivalled for sea and beaches, though for me the mountains and jungle come a close second. The trouble is that even monsoon forest such as this is hard to get into and is potentially dangerous. I've scrambled up some steep watercourses here before on previous trips but it's easy to break a leg and you'll soon get lost if you're too ambitious. Nonetheless I was determined to do some jungle walks, this time with a guide.

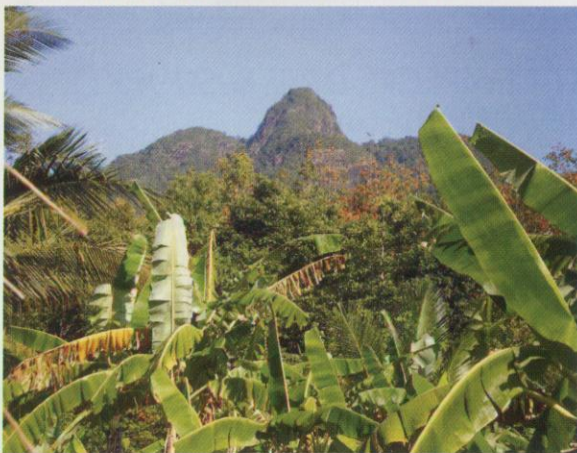
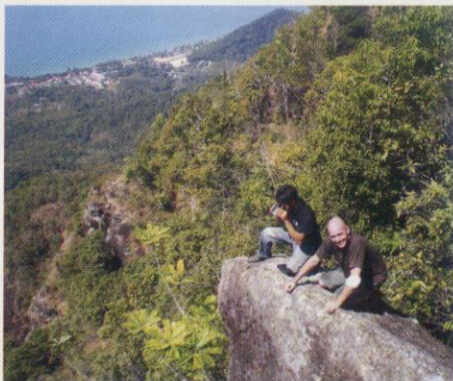
After breakfast at '15 Palms', my favourite bar on the beach, my friend Mike and I went into Ann's Island Travel nearby to ask about jungle trekking and were pleased to be offered brochures for three different guides.

I've always been fascinated by the sharp phallic peak that stands high behind White Sands Beach. For this reason and just because it's there, this was the Everest we chose to climb. According to the map in the Koh Chang Free Guide we'd picked up in '15 Palms', this is Khao Chom Prasat which is 626 metres above sea level and yes, we were definitely going for the big one.

Next day early, Mike and I met up with our delightful guide, Toon and his young 'safety man' he calls 'the Boss'. He drove us a kilometre or so along the beach and parked and soon we were leaving the rubber trees behind and pushing upwards through the dry jungle. It was hard going, the slope often not far from the vertical, the surface a crumbly mix of loose soil, stones,

dry leaves and twigs.

Slipping and sliding, clinging onto roots and trees, we made a good pace and eventually broke out into the open where we could look up at the sheer face of the peak. We stopped there for water and a breather and Toon pointed out the breeding place of a wild pig, a heap of leaves and sticks that still had a piggy odour clinging to it. All the way he and 'the Boss' kept pointing out birds and insects to us and it was great to be with two Thais with a deep love for their natural



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environment and for conservation.

Looking upwards I now wondered how we would ever make it to the top of so sheer a rock. Toon told us there was no track and offered to rope us together but we declined and set off regardless, climbing slowly through the trees and scrub to the top. Yes, it was tough and Toon was impressed when I told him I was in my seventh decade. Normally it takes them three hours to get to the top but we had done it in two.

The summit of Chom Prasat is flat with a low forest cover and we sat there and listened to the insects, birds and monkeys and ate the fried rice and fruit that Toon had brought for us. It was now 32 degrees and we were drenched with sweat but despite the futility and pain, there's no greater feeling than making it to the top.

Toon then took us to some rocky view points where we could look out over White Sands Beach, across much of the island and over the water to Trat and Chantaburi provinces. It's all spectacularly beautiful and quite out of the ordinary.

I sat precariously on a rock looking down at a 500 metre drop as an eagle circled above us. It had been a big effort to get there, earning me more than a blister and a bruise or two but this moment alone made it worth while.

Most of life is smooth and predictable with little that's truly memorable. Just occasionally you can take your chance, step beyond your usual confines and wheel and soar with the eagles. Next time though I'm going to bring with me some decent walking shoes that don't let me down by falling apart at the seams!

[Toon can be booked through Ann's Island Travel next to '15 Palms' on White Sands Beach where a range of easier walks and other trips are available. Call 039-551-430 or 081-910-5870 or email ann_island@hotmail.com.]

You can read more of Andrew's observations on his life in Thailand in his entertaining Blog at www.thaigirl2004.blogspot.com



Activities

Diving & Snorkelling

There are some excellent diving and snorkelling opportunities around Koh Chang and the region is rapidly developing into a major centre of diving in Thailand.

The diving in the area is primarily at reasonably shallow depths with good reefs located at 5 to 25 metres. Visibility can reach 30m but is variable. You can dive year round but the best time is between October and the end of May since rougher seas during the rainy season can reduce visibility or make it difficult to reach the dive sites. However there are calmer periods in the rainy season when diving conditions are OK.

There are impressive reefs in the area with a variety of soft and hard corals including Massive, Columnar and Stagshorn Corals. These support a range of tropical reef life including Blue Tipped Rays, Moray Eels, Trigger Fish, Grouper and Batfish. Turtles can be spotted and Whale Sharks are also seen in the area from time to time.

There are a series of dive sites offering good diving at 5-18m around the seamounts

and small islands to the West of Koh Chang. These include Koh Man Nok and Hin Sam Sao.

The deeper dive sites are located off some of the islands and seamounts to the South of the Archipelago. Hin Luk Bat has a lot of good coral and some good swim-throughs. Hin Raap is a deeper rocky site with good soft corals. Other good sites lie off Koh Rang.

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list of dive shop contact numbers at the end of the activities section.

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Koh Chang Dive Supply is a large retailer of all kinds of Diving equipment. They also offer a full repair and servicing workshop for all sorts of Scuba equipment. Their office is located between White Sand Beach and Chai Chet.

The recently-opened Tec-Evolution is another dive equipment retailer. They specialise in Technical diving and equipment for Nitrox and Trimix diving.

Whilst the beaches of Koh Chang themselves offer little opportunity for snorkelling other islands in the chain can be reached by boat trips and there is some excellent shallow reef for snorkelling at these sites. On Koh Chang the rocky shorelines at Hat Kai Mook and Bang Bao Cliff Cottages offer some good snorkelling.

Additionally most of the dive shops will take snorkellers on their boats. Contact them for prices and details.

Swimming

It is generally fine to swim off all of Koh Chang's beaches. In the high season conditions are calm and safe and the gradual slope of the beaches makes for good swimming conditions.

Note, however, that during the rainy season heavy seas with rip tides can develop and people drown every year. Basically, don't swim beyond your abilities and if the sea looks dangerous it probably is so stay out of the water when it's too rough.

Other Watersports

Ban Kwan Chang Elephant Camp also offer guided kayak tours.

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You can rent canoes from many places on the busier beaches. They cost 100-200 Baht per hour.

Beaches

The main beaches on Koh Chang are all on the west coast and are, from North to South, Hat Sai Khao (White Sands Beach), Klong Prao, Kai Bae and Hat Ta Nam (Lonely Beach).

There is also a beach past the village of Bang Bao in the southwest of the island and a couple of others including Long Beach in the far Southeast which now has road access.

All of the beaches are in attractive settings, with accommodation and facilities. White Sands Beach has the most development and a wide range of dining and entertainment is available. Klong Prao and Kai Bae have fewer but larger resorts and still have a large range of restaurants/bars etc. Lonely Beach, whilst still having many rooms, has

fewer bars and restaurants.

Villages


In addition to settlements at the beaches mentioned previously there are several villages on the island that are worth a visit.

Klong Son is the first village reached on the drive to the beaches from the ferry arrival points. Parts of the village are built over the sea in an attractive bay.

Bang Bao is another photogenic village built out into the bay on stilts. There are several small restaurants noted for their excellent fresh seafood and there are several guest houses and rooms for rent available.



In the far southeast of the island, a long way from the most developed areas and resorts is the village of Salak Phet, also noted for good seafood. A recent initiative has been the introduction of home stay accommodation in Bang Bao and Salak Phet. Enquire there for accommodation possibilities.

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Sea Secrets is a new luxury speedboat hire company. They offer flexible packages where you can pick your own itinerary.

Island View resort in Salak Phet offer snorkelling trips, sea kayaking, sailing trips and island cruises on their range of different boats. They are the local base for Gulf Charters Thailand who offer 8 Yachts for charter from 32ft to 52ft, Cats and Keelboats for Bareboat or Skippered Charter.

Island Hopper operate regular boat trips from Bang Bao in the south of Koh Chang to some of the other islands. They also offer a half-day trip to Koh Wai.

Bang Bao Boat run a regular ferry service between Koh Chang, Koh Wai and Koh

Maak.

Sea Adventures have a 13m catamaran. Day trips, sunset dinner cruises, party trips and corporate charters are all available on this large sailing boat.

If you're keen on fishing then you might be interested in one of the trips offered by Fish and Trips. They offer day and night fishing trips and their boat is also available for private charter

Several of the resorts in White Sands Beach, Klong Prao and Kai Bae offer snorkelling trips to the corals off nearby islands such as Koh Yuak. The cost is around 200B. Enquire at the resorts for more information.

Sailing in Thailand offer live-aboard sailing holidays amongst the islands. They have attractive yachts and experienced captains.

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Walking

The mountainous jungle interior of the island offers some challenging and enjoyable walking. Several people on the island act as guides and due to the demanding terrain and bad paths it's probably worth taking a guide unless you're an expert. Lek from Jungle Way in Klong Son takes people on interesting treks to the jungle interior, and can arrange overnight treks as well.

There is a recently completed Mangrove Walkway near to Salak Kok on the East of the island. You can take a 15 minute stroll through the mangrove forest on a raised walkway that is sadly made entirely out of concrete.

Wildlife

Most of Koh Chang is covered in rain forest that has been largely undisturbed due to the mountainous terrain of the island. There are also good examples of mangrove forest ecosystems where the island's numerous streams meet the sea. Marine National Park status was awarded to the island chain in 1982 in an effort to preserve the exceptional land and marine environment.

The forests of the island support a large range of wildlife. A survey conducted for Thailand's National Park Service in 1992 recorded 29 different species of mammal on Koh Chang. These included the Stump-Tailed Macaque, Barking Deer, Wild Pig, Javan Mongoose and Silvered Langur.

Birdwatchers will be pleased to know that 74 bird species were found including the Nightjar, Pacific Swallow, Yellow Vented Bulbul and Oriental Pied Hornbill

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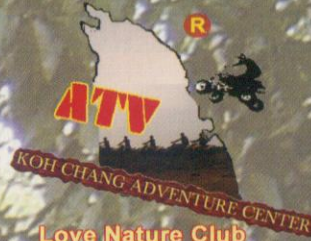
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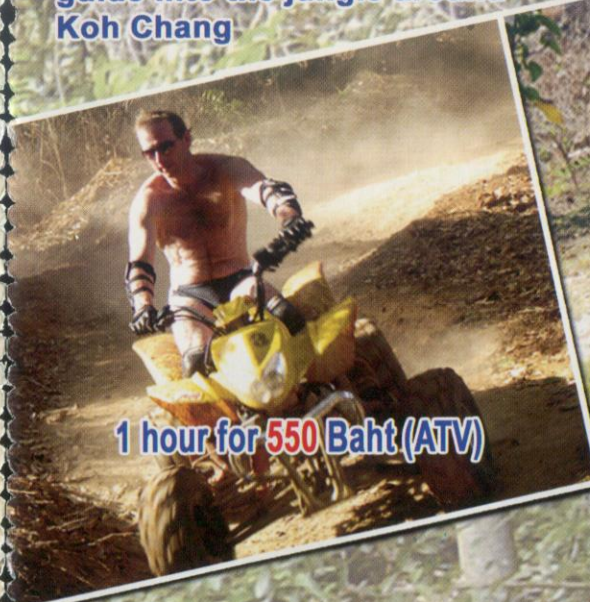
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Waterfalls

The following waterfalls are *free* to visit and there is usually plenty of water from July to December. They may dry up after this though so ask around for the latest information. Klong Nonsi waterfall is close to Dan Mai on the eastern side of the island. It has several tiers. The first is a ten minute walk into the jungle, and at the top there is an inscription made by King Rama V. There are two waterfalls, Klong Neung and Khiri Phet near to Salak Phet in the southeast of the island. Both are clearly signposted. There are also smaller waterfalls up the valleys behind Klong Son, White Sands Beach and Kai Bae. Ask locals for directions.

There are also national park administered waterfalls at Klong Plu near Klong Prao village and Than Mayom near to Dan Mai village. If you are a foreigner you will be charged an entry fee of 400 Baht. Thais

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Elephant Trekking

The word 'Chang' means elephant in Thai. So it seems appropriate to go elephant trekking on elephant island. Chang Chutiman operate economical and popular elephant trekking to the interior of the island from Klong Prao village. The treks are a good opportunity to sample some of the beautiful scenery of inland Koh Chang. They also offer island tour packages and can pick you up from your hotel.

Baan Kwan Chang offer elephant treks that take place in an inland valley to the North of the island. To get there turn inland at Klong Son and proceed for about 3km.

Shopping

You can pick up a surprisingly large range of goods, both souvenirs and necessities in Koh Chang. There are a growing number of shops selling souvenir items on the major beaches. These include carvings, jewellery, ethnic clothing and handicrafts, bags, T-Shirts, CDs etc.

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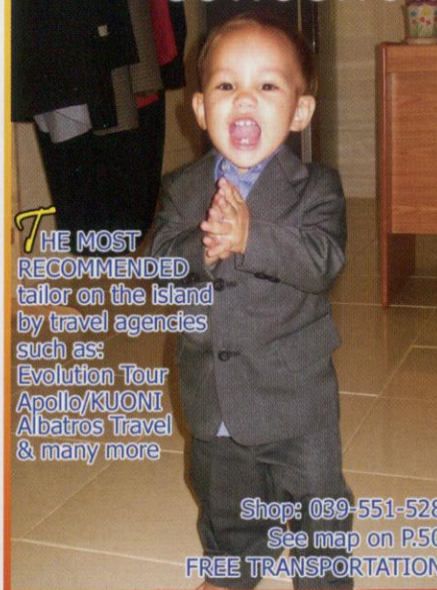
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There is a huge range of wines, beers and spirits at Koh Chang Wine Gallery's two shops in Kai Bae.

You can buy original artwork and even commission work at Zigamar in V.J.Plaza or at Sun Gallery on White Sands Beach and Kai Bae.

If you're looking for holiday gifts or even gifts for yourselves then Portobello on White Sands beach is well worth checking out. They sell a range of lamps actually made on Koh Chang using colourful hand-made paper and also have an interesting range of hand-picked jewellery and decorative items. Top Gems at Top Resort on White Sand also offer a large selection of jewellery.

You can find small supermarkets and shops on all the beaches selling a reasonable range of foods, groceries, hardware and every kind of tourist item and souvenir you

can imagine.

Reading

If you run out of reading material then Lonely Books at Nature Beach Resort on Lonely Beach have one of the island's best selections of books. They have a second branch at 3&3 Plaza in Kai Bae.

There is also a second hand bookshop opposite Ban Pu resort on White Sands Beach. Some of the resorts offer book rentals and exchanges. Thor's Palace and Tanta-wan on White Sands have good selections.

Cookery

If you want to learn how to make authentic Thai food you can take Thai cookery classes from the experts at Blue Lagoon resort in Klong Prao.

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Apsara Spa in White Sand Beach offers Spa Treatments from Chang Buri Resort.

The Spa Koh Chang Resort are at Salak Khok on the east side of the island. They offer a range of fasting, detox and cleansing programs as well as meditation, yoga and massage therapy. They have a herbal steam room and swimming pool. Their websites are www.thespakohchang.com and www.thesparesorts.net.

Golden Herb who have more than 600 shops in Thailand now have branches on White Sand Beach and in Klong Prao. They offer herbal treatments, face masks and massages, foot massages, wax and other treatments using only 100% herbal ingredients.

Sabai Sabai Massage are centrally located opposite Alina Resort on White Sand Beach. They offer several different types of professional massage as well as reflexology treatments.

There are a number of Thai masseurs who operate on all the beaches of the island charging around 200B per hour.

Tattooing

There are a number of Tattooists on the island. Standards of artwork are usually good. On White Sands Beach, Jack, who is based behind Tantawan Resort, does impressive work using traditional tattooing techniques combined with modern cleanliness.

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Microlight Trips

This interesting new island activity operates from the new Koh Chang Flying Club just past the Klong Plu Waterfall turning in Klong Prao. They offer Microlight and Ultralight trips over the island. They prom-

ise to add a climbing wall and, alarmingly, a shooting range in the near future.

Games

Many of the bars have pool tables. There are several snooker halls around the island that charge about 60B per hour for the hire of a table. Northern Lights in Hat Kai Mook has two good dart boards and a free pool table. There are many bars with pool tables all over the island.

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Diving in Koh Chang

Koh Chang offers seasonal diving with a diverse selection of sites and excursions at very reasonable prices. Water temperatures range from 27 degrees during winter to 31 degrees in summer which makes this a popular sport with both experts and beginners and especially those used to diving in cold water.

The Coral Reefs around the Island are excellent as is the visibility on most days in the Season. Corals are varied and plentiful. The marine life is extensive, ranging from the tiny macro species right up to large pelagic fish such as Whale Sharks, Dolphins, Bull Sharks, Black Tip Reef Sharks and Manta Rays.

Many tourists come here to enjoy the tropical delights that the Island has to offer and a lot of them drift towards wanting to scuba dive and invariably, after the first taste, decide to embark on the PADI Open Water Course. There are several top quality diving centres that offer the courses at very competitive prices compared to the equivalent training in their home countries. Check out the dive centre before you sign up.

For people who have never dived and would like to try scuba diving the PADI Discover Scuba Diving Experience is the ideal and safe way to do it. This one day experience is particularly popular with tourists who have never dived before but would like to try diving. The student is taken into a swimming pool for the initial training to familiarise them with the equipment and to introduce them to the concept of breathing underwater on Scuba Gear. Thereafter the student is taken by boat to one of the more quiet dive sites where they will do two dives together with the Instructor. The cost of this one day experience is only 3,500 Baht, a small price to pay for a terrific experience.

For the beginner other PADI courses are readily available.

The Introductory Level PADI Course takes just four days to complete, after which the keen student may wish to go further with other courses. An Open Water dive course over four days will get you your PADI Lifetime Certificate for around 13,500 Baht (US \$410 or EU 290), with an Advanced Open Water Course over two days at 12,000 Baht.

If you are a certified diver, a day's diving will normally cost you around 2,400 Baht with equipment supplied. Night diving with three dives will be about 3,500 Baht.

Various options are also open for experienced divers, who are interested in doing one or more Specialty Courses, such as Drift Diver, Night Diver, Underwater Naturalist, Underwater Videographer, Underwater Digital Photographer and Nitrox Diver. The cost varies depending on the specialty. All of the better Dive Centres in Koh Chang offer most of the popular Specialty courses.

Snorkelling is family-friendly activity which is another good way to explore the tropical seas around Koh Chang. Swimming and snorkelling around the surrounding islands is very popular with both local and foreign visitors and there are a lot of companies offering trips ranging from half day trips to full day trips visiting several islands. Your local dive centre will also be happy to take you along with their regular dive trips and you can swim and snorkel along with the divers. The snorkel trip with your local dive centre generally leaves the pier at 9.00am, with hotel pick-up from 8.00am onwards depending on where you stay and where the boat is leaving from and returns at about 3.30pm, although this can vary depending on the destination.

Snorkelling at the Islands around Koh Chang is spectacular with clear water and plentiful corals and marine life in the shallow waters surrounding the many Islands.

This article was kindly provided by Max Foster of Waterworld Koh Chang.



Beach & Underwater Cleanup

During your visit to Koh Chang why not have a fun day out that also does something to help the local environment?

One of the biggest issues facing every dive environment including Koh Chang is the problem of underwater garbage and pollution. Fortunately the local community is doing something to help. On **April 26th** this year there will be the fourth annual organized underwater clean-up on Koh Chang affiliated with PADI's Project AWARE. The clean-up is being organized by DASTA, the Designated Area of Sustainable Tourism Administration of Thailand headed by Director, Mr. Worasit Rojanaphanit, and by the Koh Chang National Marine Park. With assistance from the majority of the local dive shops who provide boats, equipment and manpower the day has in previous years turned out to be lots of fun and very successful.

During the first clean up in 2005 the group collected various different types of garbage, raised old truck tires, power generators, and removed old fishing nets and traps. Once everyone was back at shore and the garbage weighed they had cleaned and removed over 3000 kilos of "unwanted additions" to the reefs. Last year the total was even higher so as the event grows in popularity there is every reason to hope that an even greater contribution can be made to cleaning the local reefs.

So do you want to get involved? If so it is easy to enroll. You can contact **Khun Benjamat of DASTA on 039-555-137/9, 089-128-4643 or E-Mail christagmy59@hotmail.com** for more information. Alternatively you can just ask at any of the dive shops on the island to see if you can join in with their participation..

The event will commence with a 7am meeting at Royal Coconut Resort on Chai Chet Beach (see map page 50). Then resources will be divided and sent to a total of 20-23 locations around the islands of the Koh Chang archipelago.

Our thanks to Donald Bealey of White Sand Dive Center for his assistance with this article.



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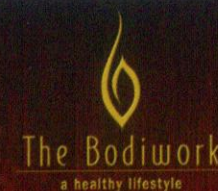
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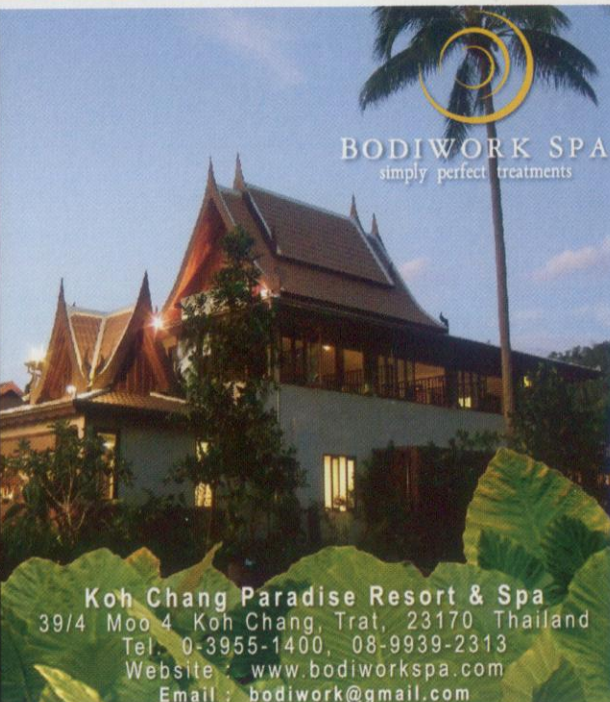
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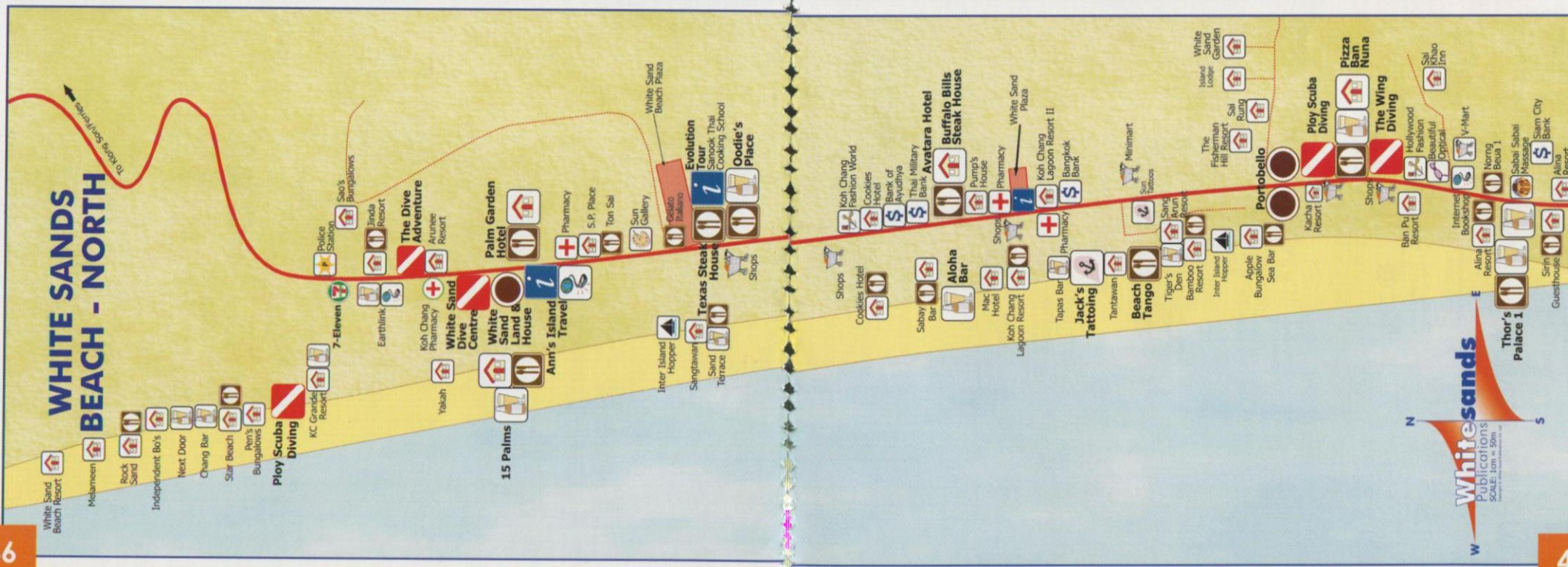


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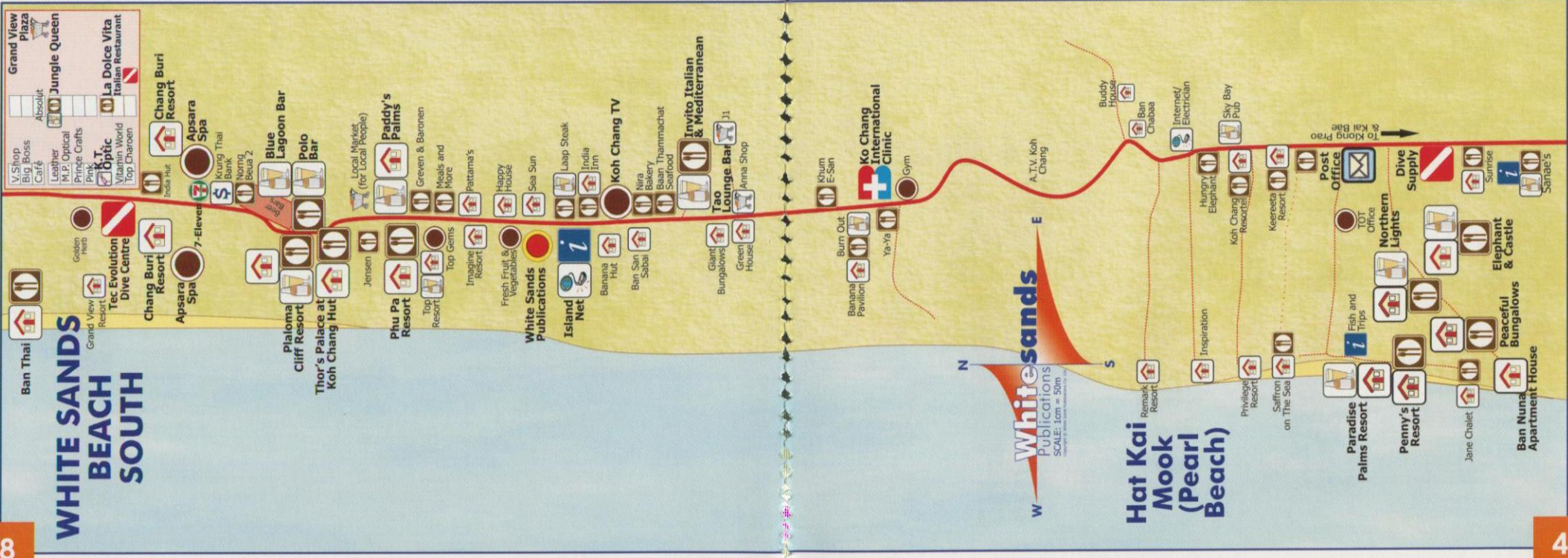


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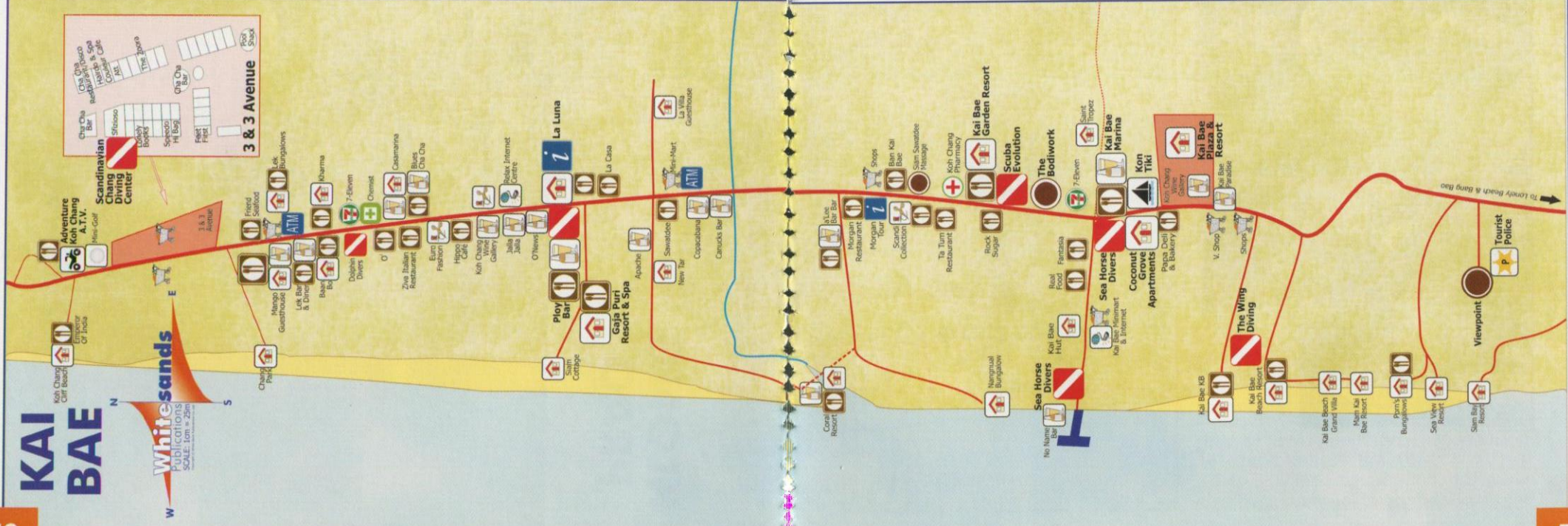


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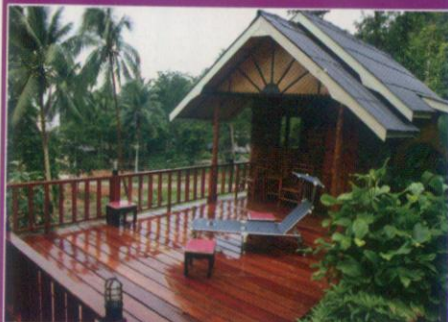
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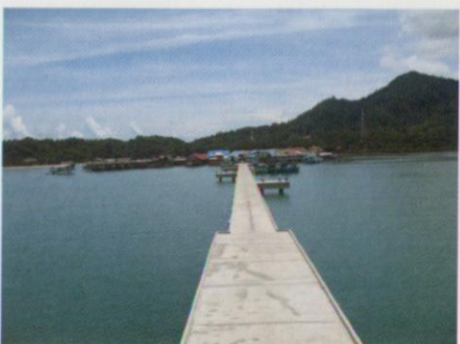
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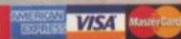
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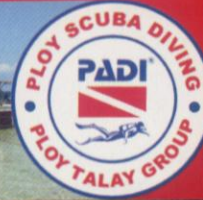


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Koh Chang - White Sands Beach

15 Palms	B-C	Aircon rooms with TV at this popular restaurant	Tel. 039-551-095
Avatara Hotel	C	There are 13 fully featured rooms in this luxury guesthouse above a Steak restaurant	Tel. 039-551-451
Ban Nuna Bungalows	A-B	10 Double fan rooms with bathroom. Across from Ban Pu resort. Rooms 200-350B	Tel. 081-821-4202 www.koh-chang.de
Ban Thai Resort	B-C	This boutique resort has a distinctive ambience in a prime beachfront location.	Tel. 039-551-109 Tel. 039-551-110
Chang Buri Resort	D	New hotel with swimming pool, well-priced rooms with balcony restaurant & sea views	Tel. 039-551-242/4 Fax. 039-551-245
Island Lodge	A-B	Rooms and huts on a hill with great views. Quiet but close to the beach and all amenities.	Tel. 081-865-0610 Tel. 081-000-3938
Koh Chang Hut - Thor's	B-C	There is a recently completed hotel block here in addition to their cliff-top bungalows and suites	Tel. 081-927-2502 Tel. 039-551-160
Paddy's Palms	B-C	Newly-built fully furnished A/C rooms behind and large A/C suites above this Irish Pub.	Tel. 083-851-1174
Palm Garden Hotel	B-C	7 well finished, good value A/C rooms with TV, fridge & hot water. Reception is in 15 Palms.	Tel. 039-551-095
Phu Pha	A-B	Clean economical rooms with Cable TV, Hot Water and A/C. A few minutes from the beach.	Tel. 089-605-1290 Tel. 039-551-204
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Koh Chang - Pearl Beach (Hat Kai Mook)

Ban Nuna Apartment House	A-B	30 sq. m apartments with sea views. Monthly rent 6,500-10,000B. Ideal for motorbike riders	Tel. 081-821-4202
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Penny's Resort	B-D	Air-Con bungalows by the sea. Family Swimming pool and restaurant.	Tel. 039-551-122 Tel. 081-595-9750

Koh Chang - Klong Prao

Aana Resort & Spa	D	This recently-completed luxury resort and spa has a variety of rooms with good water views	Tel. 039-551-539 Fax. 039-551-540
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Koh Chang Tropicana Resort & Spa	D	High-end resort with luxury traditional rooms with all facilities. Swimming Pool. www.kohchangtropicana.net	Tel. 039-557-122
Iyara Resort and Spa	B-D	This resort with attractive aircon suites and a pool offers a host of adventure and watersports	Tel. 081-751-0058 Tel. 039-557-233
Sofia Garden Resort	B-C	A new Finnish-owned resort and restaurant fronting the lagoon. It offers a Finnish Sauna.	Tel. 081-191-9205
Thale Bungalows	A	Backpacker-style beach huts on a great section of Klong Prao beach at the mouth of a lagoon	Tel. 081-901-0346
V.J. Apartments	B	Furnished rooms are available to rent here by month or by night at the end of V.J. Plaza	Tel. 039-551-427
V.J. Hotel & Spa	D	New resort with over seventy rooms. Also has a Spa and a swimming pool.	Tel. 039-557-163/5 Fax. 039-557-166
V.J. Residence	B-C	This newly completed hotel is close to the beach and the rooms offer great views	Tel. 039-557-327/9 Fax. 039-557-330

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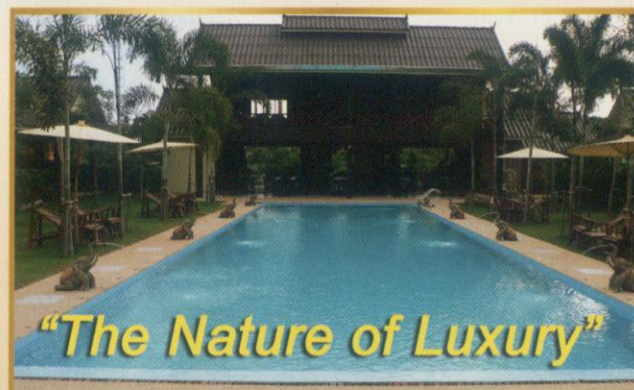
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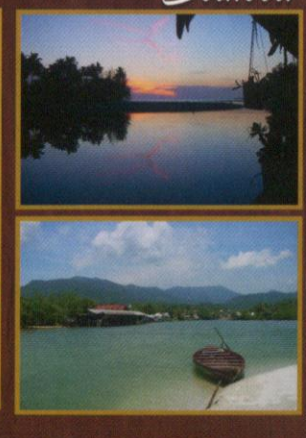
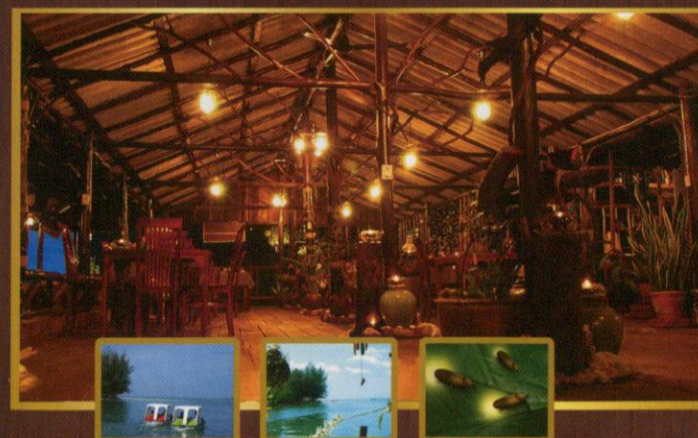
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Gajapuri Resort & Spa	D	The rooms, Villas and suites at this recently opened beach resort are described as five star	Tel. 039-557-300 Fax. 039-557-303
Kai Bae Garden Resort	C-D	New 20 room resort with A/C and fan rooms with TV. Conveniently central location	Tel. 086-145-9500 Tel. 086-145-9529
Kai Bae Plaza & Resort	B	Aircon rooms with Satellite TV, fridge & hot water. Discounts for longer stays Email: kaibaepiazza@hotmail.com	Tel. 087-104-9232
La Luna Resort	B	These central rooms have TV, aircon and fridge and are reasonably priced by day or month	Tel. 086-948-9810 Tel. 087-136-2143

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Janina's Resort	B	Newly opened resort with seven fan or A/C rooms all with T.V. and hot water.	Tel. 085-929-7908
Kachapura Resort	A-B	Fan and Air-Con rooms all with hot water. Some have TV and DVD with movies available.	Tel. 039-558-020 Tel. 084-122-9888
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Warapura Resort	A-C	Rooms at this resort range from basic huts to hotel bungalows with LCD TV, A/C etc.	Tel. 084-122-9888 Tel. 081-824-4177

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Bang Bao Cliff Cottages	A	This bungalow resort is in a great spot with the sea on both sides and rooms with great views	Tel. 085-904-6706 Tel. 086-229-5622
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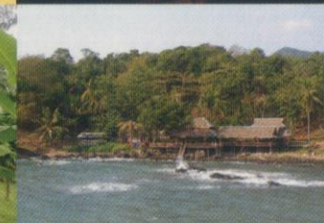
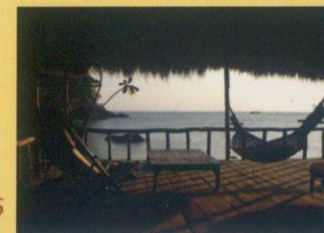


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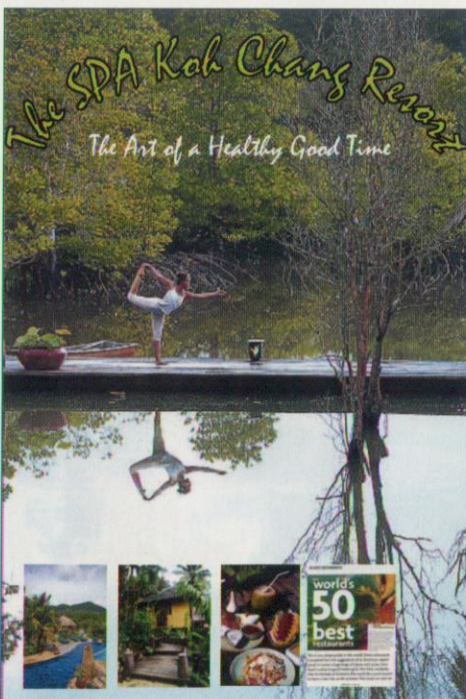
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Buddha View	A-B	Rooms on the pier are available at this seafood restaurant and activity centre	Tel. 039-558-157 Tel. 089-996-1848
Casa Del Mar	B	This new guesthouse on the pier has fan rooms on two stories with balconies offering great views	Tel. 083-174-5695
Nirvana Resort	D	Luxury resort with pool and wireless internet in large grounds in a delightful setting.	Tel. 039-558-061/4
Supanee's	A-B	This restaurant and guesthouse has rooms for rent in the 7-Eleven plaza at the end of the pier	Tel. 087-502-4212

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Funky Hut	A-C	6 A/C and 4 fan rooms and an A/C family house on a secluded beach on the East coast	Tel. 089-936-7750 Tel. 039-586-177
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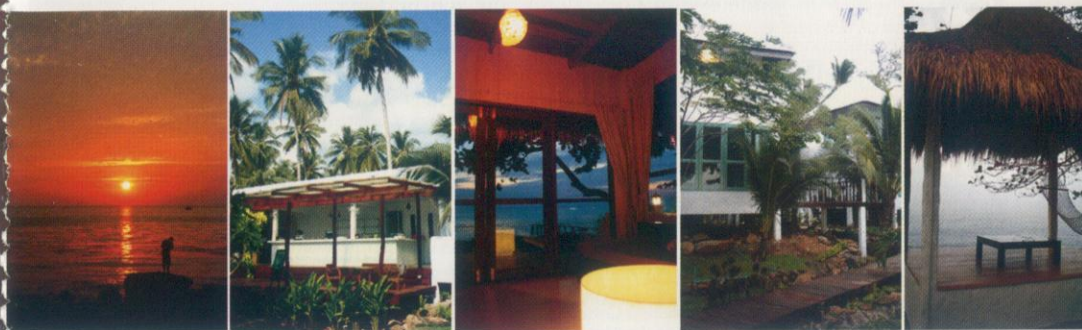
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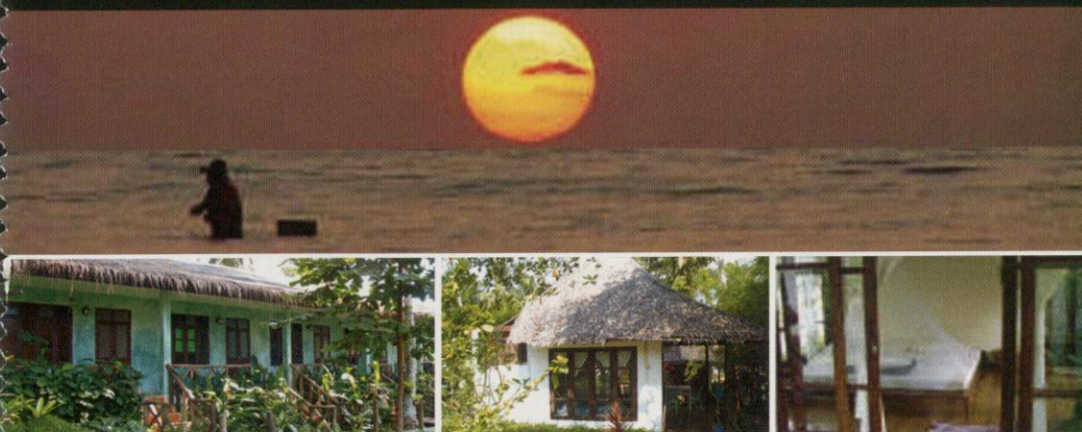
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Koh Mak Villa	C-D	This hilltop resort has comfortable modern rooms with commanding views over the islands	Tel. 039-501-000
Makathanee Resort	D	Aircon beach bungalows & four hotel rooms at this boutique resort with it's own swimming pool.	Tel. 039-524-002 Tel. 087-600-0374

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Rayang Island Resort	C-D	There are only 15 Aircon rooms at this, the only resort on this idyllic island 1,400 from Koh Mak	Tel. 039-551-529
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Trat & The Mainland

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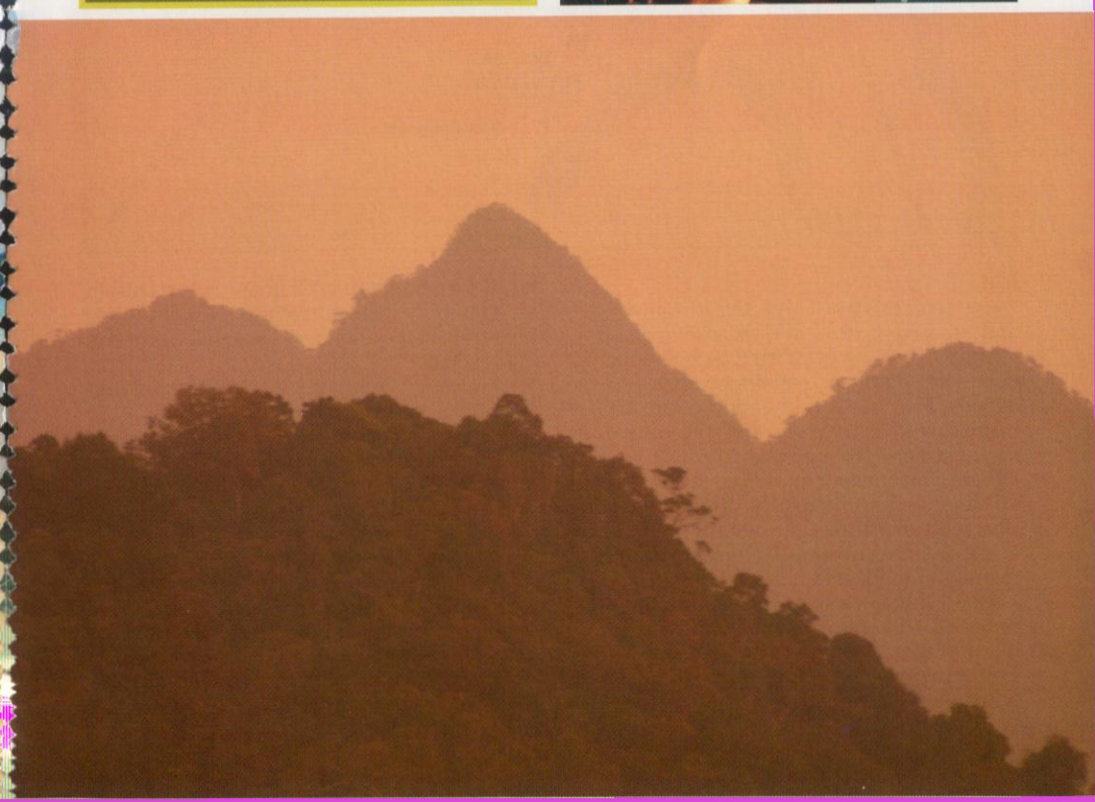
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Trat

The small town of Trat is the administrative and trading centre of Trat province. It is located 20km away from Laem Ngop, the departure point for passenger ferries to the islands. Trat has a population of 20,000 but bustles with activity due to the numerous local markets (see map above).

There is an open-air market on the main street - Thanon Sukhumvit - that offers interesting Thai food and drinks late into the night. There is also a large covered day market selling all manner of foods and household goods.

Good things to shop for include the huge range of fruits that are available year round, many of which you may not have seen before. Trat province is famous for the Rakham which is a delicious sweet fruit that looks a

bit like a strawberry. Or there is the Durian with its spiky shell, pungent smell and unique love-it-or-hate-it flavour. Try whatever looks interesting.

You can also buy good fresh seafood and vegetables in the market.

Local handicrafts include elaborately woven wicker products, especially hats. These can be found in Ban Nam Chieo, a village between Trat and Laem Ngop.

Trat Department Store on the main street is also a good place for shopping.

Wat Buppharam is a 17th Century temple with some interesting architecture. It lies 2km out of town (see map). There are several other Temples scattered around the town centre.

Trat has good medical, communication, financial and other facilities. Locations are

shown on the map on the previous page.

There are a multitude of local Thai restaurants around the town. Also Joy's Pizza, Kruarimklong and Sea House all do good food.

There is a guesthouse area just south of the town centre with many backpacker style guesthouses and accompanying restaurants, internet cafes etc. There is little to choose between the different guesthouses that all offer clean and inexpensive rooms together with good information and a friendly welcome. If you arrive by bus you will be met by a throng of guesthouse staff all trying to take you to their own place. You might want to take a taxi to the guesthouse area yourself for 20B and then you can pick a place that you like at your leisure.

The town has some interesting evening entertainment. A good spot is Somkanay, a bar with live Thai music every night. The night market is a good place to sit with a meal or drink and watch the action.

You can find many other small restaurants and bars scattered around the town centre.

About 10 minutes from the centre is an attractive reservoir that is a pleasant spot for an afternoon stroll. There are several restaurants on the shoreside. You can see fireflies by the canal that begins here and flows through town.

Laem Ngop

Laem Ngop is a fishing village on the coast and is the departure point for passenger ferries to Koh Chang and the other islands.

Places worthy of note are the Immigration office and the Tourist Authority of Thailand office.

By the ferry pier there is a large monument commemorating two Thai boats that were sunk in a naval battle of 1942 off Koh Chang in which Thai forces repelled the French Navy.

Bo Rai

This town is in the foothills of the mountains that comprise the Cambodian border.

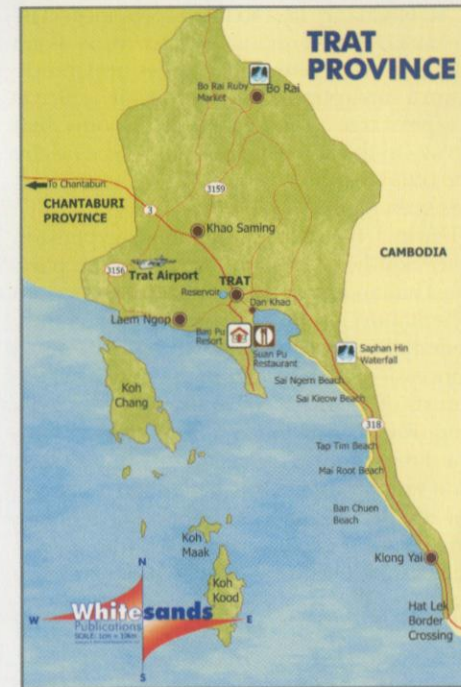
It was originally a centre of Ruby mining and you can still visit the nearby ruby market.

There is excellent trekking in the mountains and an attractive waterfall nearby.

Mainland Beaches

There is a long coastal section of Trat province heading southeast towards the Cambodian border.

Whilst this area is not much visited by



foreign tourists there are a string of beaches with a few accommodation options that are reputedly very attractive.

Heading away from Trat on highway 318 these beaches include Sai Ngern Beach, Sai Kiew Beach, Tap Tim Beach, Mai Root Beach and Ban Chuen Beach.

Klong Yai

This small fishing town is the last town on the road to the Cambodian border at Hat Lek. It is the closest mainland town to Koh Kood and whilst there is, as yet, no regular ferry service you may be able to ask around and find a boat on its way to the island.

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Koh Chang lies in Trat province. The province was previously known as Baan Bang Pra. The name Trat comes apparently from a corruption of the word Krat, which is a type of tree, used for making brooms, that grows in the area. Since the province lies by the often disputed border with Cambodia it has seen plenty of historic activity.

During the French colonial expansion into Southeast Asia they occupied parts of Thailand extending through Trat to Chantaburi province. Thailand reluctantly ceded Trat to the French in 1904 as a concession in an agreement that saw the return of Chantaburi. However Thailand's king Rama V negotiated an exchange with the French on March 23rd, 1906, whereby Trat was reclaimed by Thailand in exchange for the provinces of Sri Sopon, Pratobong and Siem Reap. Every year the day is celebrated locally as Trat's Independence day.

The tense relationship between Thailand and colonial France continued. In 1941, during the second world war, with France under German occupation and the Vichy regime Thailand saw an opportunity to reclaim territories that had been historically part of the Siam empire from French occupation in the modern day Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam.

Thai ground forces took Laos from France with relative ease but encountered stronger resistance in Cambodia. A French counter-attack on the Thai held villages of Yang Dang Khum and Phum Preav was the fiercest land battle of the war. The French were swept

away and forced to retreat. In an effort to regain an advantage after their heavy losses on land the French deployed naval forces in the Gulf of Thailand. On January 17th, 1941, French forces encountered two Thai torpedo boats and a coastal defence vessel off the south coast of Koh Chang at dawn. The resulting exchange, known as the Koh Chang Naval Battle, resulted in the sinking of the three Thai ships and the loss of 36 Thai lives. The fierceness of the Thai resistance was acknowledged by the French, whose forces subsequently withdrew.

Shortly after this battle, on January 28th, a peace treaty, brokered by Japan, was signed between the rival sides in Tokyo. The French were reluctantly forced to give Thailand control of the disputed territories. So for the first time Thailand succeeded in gaining concessions from a European power.

But what of Koh Chang island itself? Until very recently it was sparsely populated. Even today the population is only around 10,000. The inhabitants, unusually for an island, were mainly farmers rather than fishermen, living on rubber-tapping and coconut harvesting. Since the island is part of a border archipelago it is not surprising that there are whispers and rumours of a secret smuggling and pirate past. There isn't much in the way of hard evidence though.

In terms of tourism it was perhaps the proximity to war-torn Cambodia that spared Koh Chang from the helter-skelter development of the 70's and 80's in Samui, Phuket and Pattaya. Twenty years ago Koh Chang was the destination only for a very few backpackers who took to it for its lack of development and rustic charm. As is often the case these early travellers told everyone that they knew about this hidden gem and the inexorable path towards tourist development began. Visitor arrivals steadily increased and infrastructure improved accordingly. Recent rapid developments occurred largely due to the previous Thai PM Thaksin Shinawatra declaring Koh Chang a special area for the development of tourism.



Koh Mak

This is an attractive, low-lying island 16 square kilometres in size. Since there are few hills the island is widely cultivated with coconut and rubber plantations.

The population is only around 500 and there is little infrastructure outside the resorts. It is a sleepy place where life moves slowly and a visit to the island is the perfect choice for visitors who want to relax by the beach and unwind from the stresses of modern life.

Since there are very few motor vehicles and the island is low-lying and well covered by roads and tracks Koh Mak is perfect for exploring on foot or by bicycle.

There are pretty beaches in the bays to the northwest and southwest of the island and this is where most of the resorts are located. Here there are still long stretches of beach with no development at all and on Koh Mak you always feel a long way from the worst excesses of tourist development.

Diving on the island is offered by Ploy Scuba Diving from Monkey Island resort.

You can access e-mail at Koh Mak Resort or do so while admiring the great view from Ko Mak Villa.

Three smaller islands off Koh Mak have resorts and can be reached fairly easily from Koh Mak itself. They are Koh Kham, Koh Rayang Nok and Koh Kra Dad. A daily boat goes to Koh Rayang Nok from Holiday Beach resort at 10am and returns at 4pm. Free transit to Koh Mak is provided by the resort. To arrange transport to the other islands contact the resorts or enquire on Koh Mak.

It is easy to combine a trip to Koh Mak with visits to Koh Chang or some of the other islands in the archipelago. Refer to the transport section for details of the various ferries to the island that operate from the mainland, Koh Chang and the other islands. Alternatively some of the Koh Chang boat trip services can drop you off on the island. Enquire for details.

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Other Islands

When you arrive on Koh Mak representatives from all the resorts will meet the ferry and offer free pick up and drop off to visitors.

Koh Kood

Koh Kood is the second largest and southernmost island in the Koh Chang archipelago. Its topography is similar to that of Koh Chang. It is also mountainous and largely covered in rain forest. The highest hill on Koh Kood, at 315 metres, is Khao Phaentee in the southeast of the island.

Another significant scenic feature is Klong Chao waterfall. The waterfall itself is not particularly high but falls into a huge plunge pool in a very beautiful jungle setting, a good place for a cooling swim. Various tours in Koh Mak offer trips to the waterfall or try Island Hopper in Koh Chang. Alternatively enquire on Koh Chang to book a boat tour privately.

The sea here is extremely clear and a

brilliant blue colour. This makes the many beaches that run down the West coast of the island extremely pleasant places to be. Also there are some excellent corals at shallow depths on many of the beaches

Despite the fact that Koh Kood is Thailand's fourth biggest island the population is estimated to be only 1,500. Infrastructure is improving and there is now a decent road between many points of interest on the island but the resorts to the extreme north and south of the island are still only accessible by boat. There is also a small hospital.

The largest settlement is the fishing village of Ao Salat in the northeast. This is worth a visit just to see the wide range of seafood brought in and sold on the rickety wooden pier.

Unfortunately there isn't yet any organised public transport on the island. In fact there aren't many vehicles at all. If you want to have a look around ask at your resort to see if you can hire a motorbike or get a



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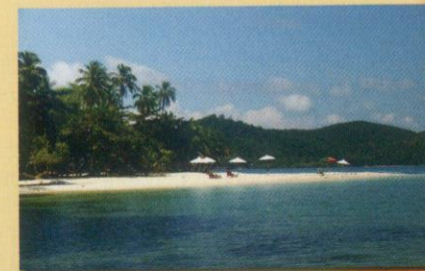


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Traditionally the resorts on the island have been luxury developments catering mainly to Thai package tourism. Transport to these resorts is arranged as part of the package deal.

There are now, however, some new low and medium end options which cater more to foreign visitors. Rooms at these places start at 300B.

From the mainland the easiest way to reach the island independently is with Koh Kood Seatrans leaving from Laem Ngop and Koh Chang or by taking the local ferry from Dan Khao close to Trat (see transport section). From Koh Chang look out for ferry services operated by Island Hopper or by Bang Bao Boat.

If you want a beautiful sandy beach virtually to yourself and don't expect anything by way of nightlife other than listening to the waves lap then this is the place for you. If you expect a party you will be disappointed but if peace and quiet is your thing then Koh Kood is a good choice of destination. The water around Koh Kood is famed for its blueness and clarity and you can find some pretty good corals off the beaches if you like to snorkel. You can dive off Koh Kood with Ploy Scuba Diving in Ao Salat and next to Bai Kood Shambala.

Koh Wai

Koh Wai is a small crescent shaped island with two small, pleasant beaches. There are two resorts on the island with rooms that range from simple huts to larger air-conditioned beach bungalows. There is some good snorkelling on the shallow reefs off the beach or you can try diving with BB Divers who have recently opened an office here. The lack of development makes the island an ideal place for a peaceful beach trip and it's a good place to kick back after some strenuous travelling.



Koh Rayang

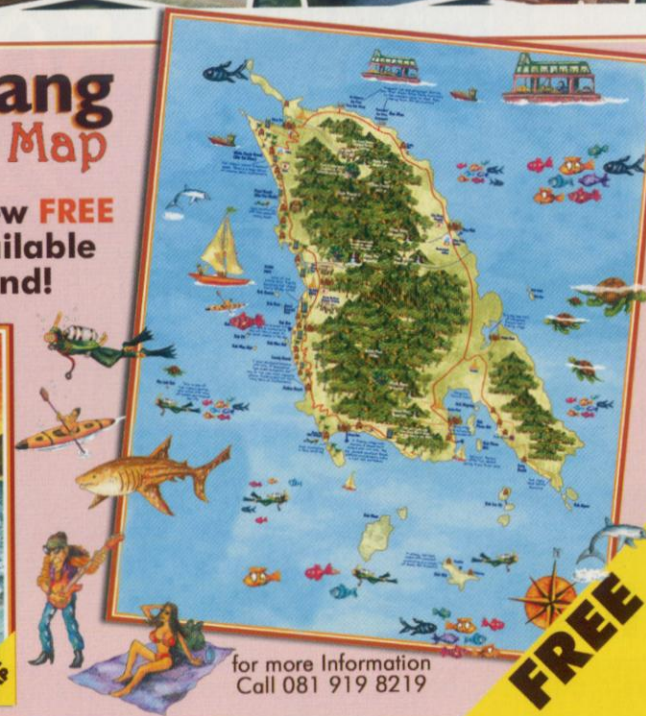
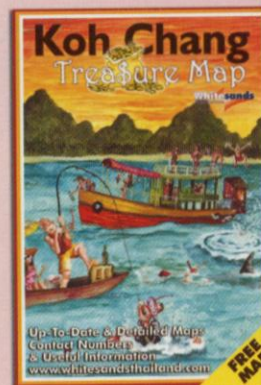
This little island is 1km off the coast of Koh Mak. It has a nice beach on which the bungalows of its only resort lie. If you want total peace and seclusion on a palm-lined tropical island then you won't be disappointed.

Other Islands

Several of the other islands in the Koh Chang group have resorts that cater largely to package tourism. Koh Lao Ya is actually two separate islands linked by a bridge and has an attractive resort. Consult local travel agents for information on the other islands.

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Thai Language

Most of the Thai people that you meet in Koh Chang will be able to speak at least a little English. However they will be happy if you make an effort to talk to them in their own tongue.

This can be tricky: Thai has sounds you probably haven't heard before and is a tonal language so the same sound can mean different things. For example Mai mai mai mai, said with the correct tones, means "The new wood doesn't burn does it?". But don't be put off, a few basic Thai words and phrases can get you a long way. Below are a few of these basics.

To be polite men say **Krap** and women say **Ka** at the end of any sentence.

Yes..... Shai

No..... Mai

Thai doesn't have literal words for yes or no but you'll be understood if you use the words above.

Hello..... Sawat Di Krap/Ka

Goodbye..... Lar Gorn

Thank you..... Korp Kun Krap / Ka

One..... Neung

Two..... Sawng

Three..... Sam

Four..... See

Five..... Har

Six..... Hok

Seven..... Jet

Eight (difficult!)..... Bpet

Nine..... Gao

Ten..... Sip

Twenty..... Yee Sip

Thirty..... Sam Sip

One Hundred..... Neung Roy

One Thousand..... Neung Pan

How Much?..... Tao Rai

Expensive..... Paeng

Cheap..... Took

Attractive/Beautiful..... Sa-Why

Handsome..... Lor

Hungry..... Hue

Thirsty..... Hue Narm

Food..... Aharn

Eat..... Gin (Khao)

Rice..... Khao

Delicious..... Arroy

Most Thais use the letter 'L' instead of 'R' so **arroy** above becomes **alloy** in speech.

Hot (Heat)..... Rawn

Hot (Spicy food)..... Pet

Police..... Tamruat

Hospital..... Long Payar Barn

This..... Nee

Day..... Wan

Today..... Wan Nee

Tomorrow..... Ploong Nee

Yesterday..... Mer Wan

Second..... Wee Natee

Minute..... Natee

Hour..... Chuamong

Fun..... Sanuk

Swim..... Wai Nam

Walk..... Dern

Good / Bad..... Dee / Mai Dee

Big / Small..... Yai / Lek

Come / Go..... Mar / Bai

Where are you Going?..... Bai Nai?

What?..... A Rai?

Where?..... Tee Nai?

When?..... Meu Rai?

How?..... Yanglai?

Why?..... Tammai?

Can you help me?..... Chuay Dai Mai?

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If you fancy a break from the beach or from the tourist centres of the West side of Koh Chang then you will be well rewarded by a day or more exploring the 'undiscovered' East Coast of the island. This side of the island is far less developed than the other and you will be treated to a view of a more traditional Thai way of life as you watch local farmers and fisherman go about their business. Additionally there is some great scenery and plenty of interesting stops to make. And don't worry, there are still plenty of quality restaurants and places to stay so you don't need to stock provisions.

There are no less than four waterfalls for you to visit. Heading South these are; Klong Nonsi just before Dan Mai village, Than Mayom a few kilometres further South and then Klong Nung and Khiri Phet waterfalls in the foothills of Salak Phet mountain in the far South. Than Mayom is six level cataract and retains the most water of the four in the dry season.

Salak Khok Bay is a charming spot with large

areas of mangrove forest and a small fishing village. You can view the mangroves from the Mangrove Forest Walkway but perhaps a better way to sample the atmosphere is on a guided kayak tour through the trees with Salak Khok Kayak Station, perhaps the only project on Koh Chang that is owned and operated by the local community.

The intrepid can continue to the far South and visit the lovely Long Beach. This isolated strand is deserted except for one backpacker spot. The next bay to the South contains a memorial to the Thai soldiers who lost their lives in the Thai Naval encounter with the french in 1941.

The largest settlement in the South East of the island is Salak Phet. This waterside fishing village is at the mouth of a large bay dotted with islands. A great place to take in the atmosphere is the long new pier that has recently been constructed deep into the bay. There is an observation tower at the end which offers great photo opportunities.

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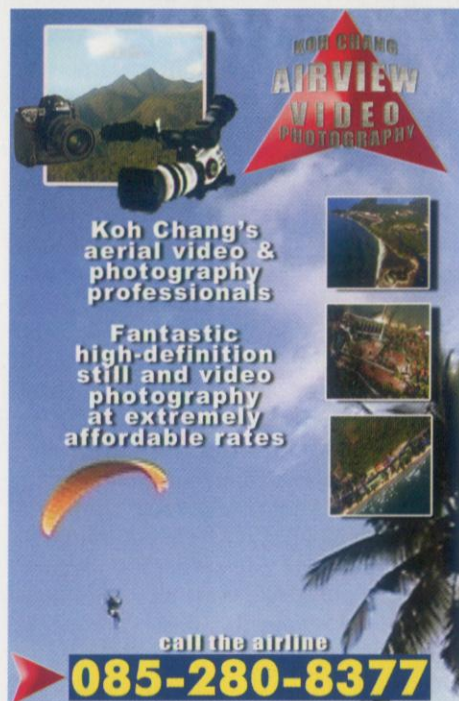
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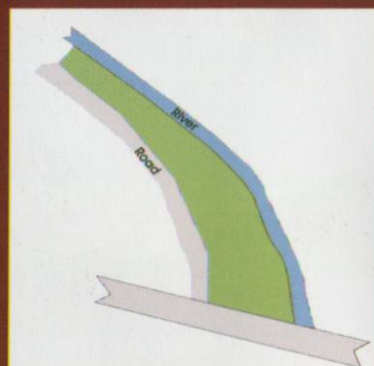
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Legal Representation

Basically the best thing that you can do is get a good lawyer with experience in helping foreign investors purchase property. What may seem a high fee in the short term can save you a fortune and a lot of trouble later on. We recommend that you consult a legal firm in Bangkok or Pattaya: there are many in Pattaya who specialise in foreign real estate deals. Since they have a lot of experience they are probably a good choice. Alternatively if you are dealing with a good real estate agency they should be able to recommend good legal representation to you.

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Foreign nationals can purchase and own apartments entirely in their own name. In the case of land, however, they need to establish a Thai company that will purchase and possess the land. By law they must remain a minority shareholder in this company but in reality they can exercise sole control over the company through a variety of directorship appointment clauses and different types of shares and voting rights. The individual investor can then lease the land and buildings from the controlling



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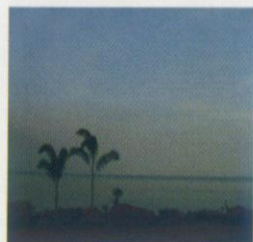
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Nor Sor Sam: The land boundaries for Nor Sor Sam are defined relative to those of neighbouring plots and errors are common. But it is still an assured title of land possession.

Por Bor Tor/Sor Kor

These are effectively squatters land titles. Whilst a lot of land with these title deeds on Koh Chang has in fact been developed the development is all, strictly speaking, illegal.

NB - Occasionally it is possible to apply to have one of these less secure forms of land title upgraded to Chanote. In practice this can take years and may never happen. If someone tells you that 'their' land will be upgraded then wait until it has been and you have seen all the paperwork before going any further. It is not uncommon for the ownership of land with Por Bor Tor or Sor Kor title to be disputed. It is probably best to only consider land with Chanote, Nor Sor Sam Gor or, at a pinch, Nor Sor Sam land title.

Thai Land Measures

In Thailand Land is measured in Rai, Ngan and Wah which correspond to the following land measures:

1 Rai	=	1,600 sq.m
1 Ngan	=	400 sq.m
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Thailand has one of the great world cuisines. While you're here you should sample some of the delicious food available. Even though the Thais have only had chillies for four hundred years or so they are one of the key ingredients in Thai food. But if you don't like spicy food don't worry; the Thai chefs on Koh Chang are used to making dishes milder on request and there are also plenty of Thai dishes which aren't too spicy.

Whilst the food is great you may not be familiar with some of the names of the dishes and translations can sometimes be a little confusing. One local restaurant used to have "Fish in That Sauce" on their menu. So to help you to explore Thai food while you are here in Koh Chang the following is a very brief introduction to some Thai dishes you may want to sample. With most meals you can usually choose which meat or seafood you want. *Chicken is Gal, Pork is Moo, Beef is Neu-a, Prawn is Goong, Fish is Pla, Squid is Pla Meuk and Vegetable is Pak.* Enjoy!

Simple Dishes

Thai staple dishes are simple and nourishing and usually revolve around rice or noodles.

Pat Thai - classic Thai fried noodles

Khao Pat - Tasty and filling Egg Fried Rice.

Khao Tom - Peppery and wholesome rice soup.

Khao Man Gai - Garlic rice boiled in chicken stock with boiled chicken & chilli bean sauce

Thai Curries - Gang spicy, healthy & delicious

Gang Kieow Wan - creamy green curry with lime leaf, lemon grass and chilli flavours

Gang Kati - creamy red curry soup

Gang Penang - aromatic, creamy, spicy curry

Gang Massaman - rich Indian style curry

Gang Som - sour spicy tamarind curry

Gang Karee - milder yellow creamy curry

Fried Dishes

Pat Gapow - spicy! stir fry with hot basil leaves

Gai Pat Med Ma Muang - chicken and cashew nut in a delicious rich roasted sauce

Pat Nam Man Hoy - Mild oyster sauce dish

Pat Poong Karee - delicious yellow curry dish. usually made with crab and eggs.

Soups

Tom Yam - Nam Kon - spicy hot and sour soup with lemon grass, galangal, mushroom, condensed milk and, usually, prawn

Tom Yam - Nam See - without condensed milk and usually with more fresh chillies

Tom Kaa - mild, creamy with salad cream taste

Tom Jert - mild soup with pork, tofu & cabbage

Thai Salads - Yam

These salads are sour and can be incredibly spicy. Watch out for small fiery hidden chillies!

Som Tam - Delicious green papaya and lime salad. sometimes comes with raw crab - only for strong stomachs

Yam Goong - prawn and glass noodles salad

Snack Foods

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Lemon Grass	2 Sticks
Dried Chillies	7 or to taste
Garlic	2 Cloves
Shallots	3
Kaffir Lime	2cm square of Peel
Large Red Chilli	1 Sliced
Lime Leaves	3
Chicken Stock	One Litre
Spring Onion	3, 3cm pieces
Mushrooms	50 gms, halved
Pumpkin	100 gms, 3cm chunks
Pork	100 gms, chopped
Lemon Basil	10 gms,
Fish Sauce	2 tablespoons to taste

Preparation

Put the Galangal, Lemon Grass, Dried Chillies, Garlic, Shallots and Lime peel in a blender and mix until you have a smooth paste.

Add the chicken stock to a saucepan and bring to the boil. Then add the curry paste and mix whilst heating for three minutes. Then add the pork, pumpkin and mushrooms and boil for another five minutes or until the pumpkin is cooked. Next add the lime leaves, spring onion, Prik Chee Fa (large Thai Red Chillies) Lemon Basil and Nam Pla fish sauce. You can use normal Basil if you can't find the Lemon variety. Allow the mixture to just come back to the boil and it's finished. Serve with rice and any other Thai dishes you fancy.



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Ban Thai	Thai/ Western	There's a large menu at this seaside restaurant that ranges from fresh BBQ seafood to Pizzas and European and Thai favourites.
Beach Tango	Thai/ Western	Burgers, Pizzas, Falafel Sandwiches, Thai Curries, Sandwiches and a range of other dishes at this beach restaurant at Sang Arun resort.
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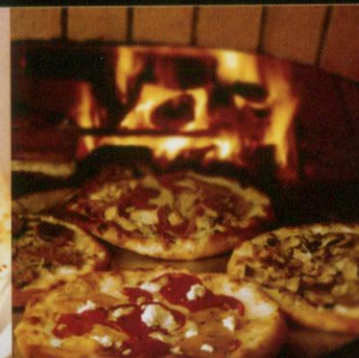
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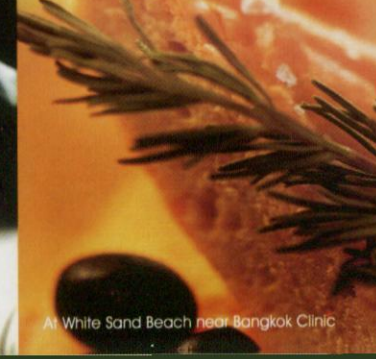
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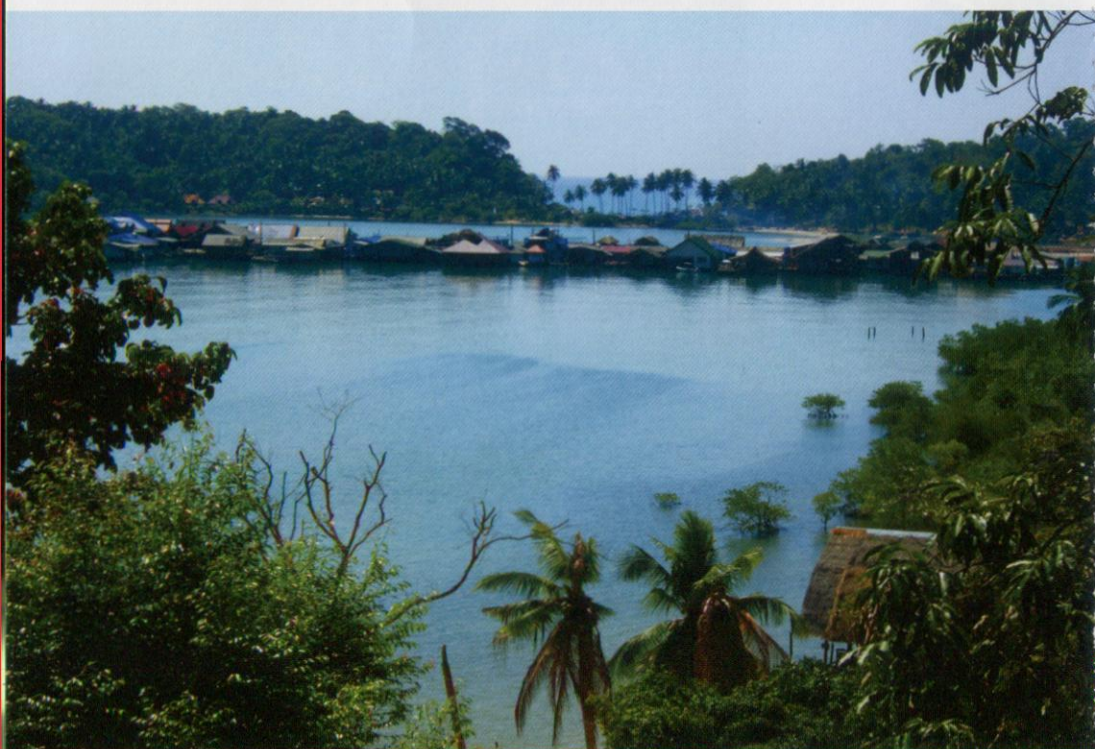


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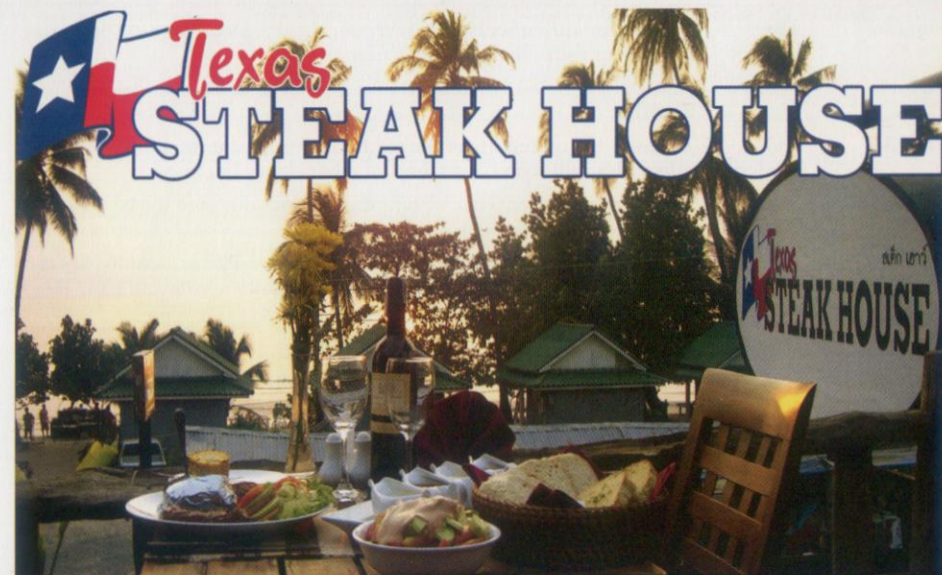
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Restaurants & Bars

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Jungle Queen	<i>European/Bar</i>	Italian coffee and ice-cream, German Ciabatta sandwiches, healthy shakes or various cocktails and wines are all on offer in this new place.
Laap Steak	<i>Thai/Western</i>	Laap Steak offers 98B steaks as well as a full Thai and Western menu from its new location at Burn Out opposite the hospital.
La Dolce Vita	<i>Italian</i>	This new Italian restaurant in Grand View Plaza offers authentic Italian dishes in a comfortable, nicely decorated setting
Norng Bua #1	<i>Thai/Western</i>	Thai food, snacks and noodle soup in this inexpensive roadside eatery
Norng Bua #2	<i>Chinese/Thai</i>	New restaurant offering Western and Chinese specialities in addition to a full Thai menu. Cocktails are also available.
Oodie's Place	<i>Thai/French</i>	Blues/Thai/Folk/Rock live music bar. Popular island hangout. Food includes Mongolian barbecue and Steak Lao. French Menu and Pizzas
Paddy's Palms	<i>Thai/Western</i>	Koh Chang's first Irish Pub is open with Guinness and imported beers. A Thai and Western menu is now available. Roast dinners on Sunday,



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Phu Pha	Thai/ Western	Cliff-top restaurant with a Thai, Western and Seafood menu. The sunset views over the ocean are spectacular.
Plaloma	Western	Attractive sea views in this restaurant on the first floor of Plaloma Resort
Polo Bar	Bar/ Western	This new bar on the site of the old Invito restaurant has pool tables and offers Pizzas, Burgers and a host of other classic bar meals
Rock Sand	Thai/ Western	Beachside restaurant/bar with fantastic views out over the beach and bay. A good spot for watching the sunset.
Sirin	European	German dishes and spaghetti. Freshly prepared Pizzas. Schnitzel every day. Their well-stocked bar offers beer, cocktails, spirits and UBC TV
Tantawan	Thai/ European	Beachside bar and restaurant now under new management
Taste of India Inn	Indian/ Muslim	Special Indian and Muslim Halal food on offer here. Specialities include curries, kebabs and naan breads.
Texas Steakhouse	Steak	This new Steak restaurant is on a first floor balcony with good views over the heart of the White Sand Beach resort area.
Thor's Palace	Thai/ Western	Comfortable beachside restaurant/bar run by the colourful Thor. Excellent Thai curries. Good music. Try their tasty cocktails.
Thor's Royal Thai Cuisine	Thai	Thor's new gourmet restaurant at Koh Chang Hut has commanding views and a carefully selected menu of Royal Thai dishes.
Tao Lounge Bar	Bar	This classy new bar above the new Invito restaurant is scheduled to open towards the end of the year
Tiger's Den	Bar	Friendly and popular beach bar. Cocktails and a happy hour.

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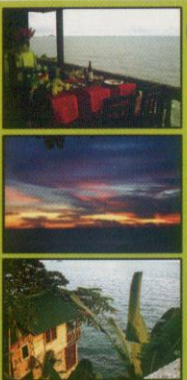
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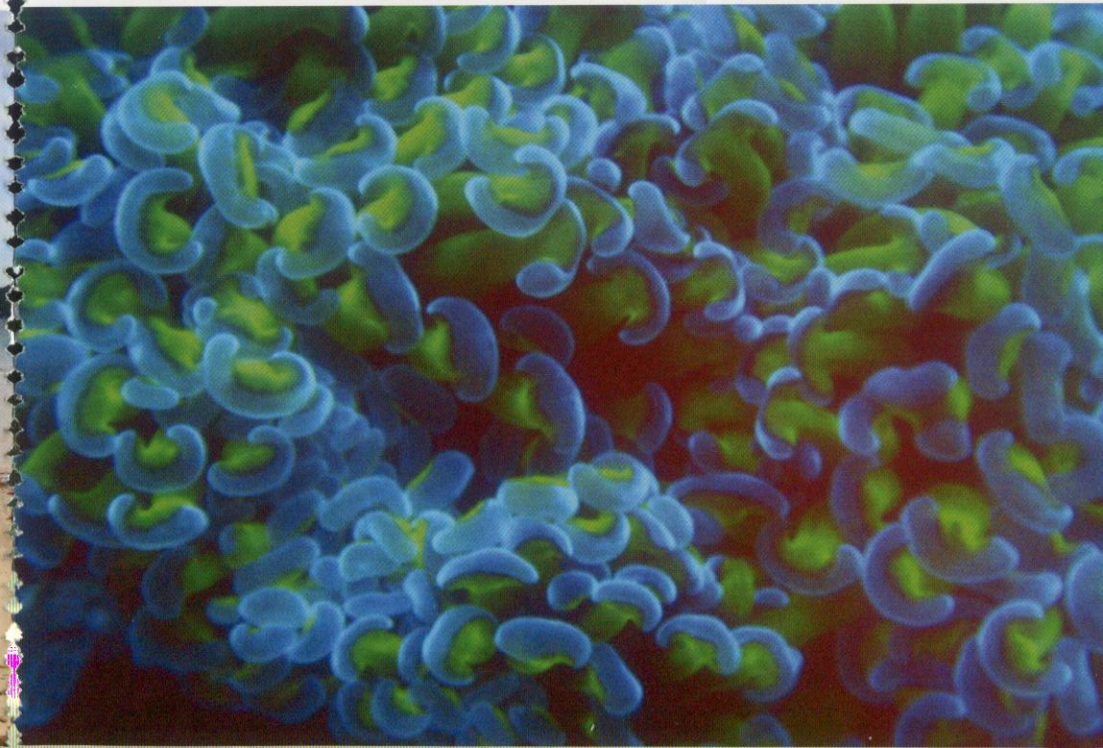
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Elephant & Castle	<i>Western</i>	Friendly cafe down the small road next to Dive Supply. English Breakfasts, Roast Dinners, Pies, Curries, Casseroles.
Northern Lights	<i>Western/Thai</i>	Sports bar and restaurant with Western & Swedish foods including Swedish meatballs with Lingberries. UBC TV showing movies & live sport. Free pool & two dartboards. Pool & dart contests. Malt whiskies.
Pennys Resort	<i>Thai/Western</i>	Restaurant and beach cocktail bar offering Thai and Western dishes. They have a beachside barbeque on Saturday nights.
Saffron on The Sea	<i>Thai/Western</i>	Scenic restaurant & bar by the sea. Offers breakfasts, lunches & dinners in a shady and secluded garden setting
Saigars	<i>Thai/Western</i>	The garden restaurant and bar at this bungalow resort offers a menu consisting of Thai and Western dishes.
Sanae's	<i>Thai/Western</i>	Restaurant & bar offering Thai & Western food including home-cooked breakfasts with home-made sausages. huge classic DVD selection.
Sky Bay	<i>Bar</i>	Large Thai style nightclub. Open until late nightly. Has live bands and dancers and two pool tables.
Sunrise	<i>Thai/German</i>	Restaurant offering a range of Thai and German dishes and fresh home-made bread. They also have a popular Mongolian Barbeque.
The Greasy Spoon	<i>Western</i>	Fried breakfasts, fish and chips and other filling fare beside the beach Spoon in Paradise Palms resort

Klong Prao

9 Dragonflies	<i>Thai/European</i>	This new restaurant offering a Thai and Western menu is a little way down the road that leads to Amari, V.J. Hotel and The Dewa.
Abella Italian	<i>Italian/Thai</i>	Italian restaurant at the end of Koh Chang Plaza with Pizzas, Pasta and Lasagne as well as Thai dishes. www.whitesandsthailand.com/abella

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Blue Lagoon	Thai/ Western	Thai and western favourites in this lagoon-side bar & restaurant. They have live traditional Thai music at 8pm every night.
Breezes Bar	Bar	This comfortable bar at the Amari Emerald Cove Resort offers live music and all kinds of drinks and cocktails until 1am or later.
Cinnamon	Thai/ Western	Restaurant with great waterfront views over the lagoon at Aana resort. A good spot to watch the sunset.
Crust	Bakery/ Deli	This popular bakery/Deli has all kinds of breads, sandwiches and cakes as well as a European deli with all kinds of hard to find treats.
Dolphin Divers	Bar	There is a new garden bar at Dolphin Divers head office that welcomes both divers and non-divers.
Entertainment Complex	Bars	This huge building is home to Koh Chang's largest collection of bars.
Gecko Bar	Bar	bar and cocktails: nice & friendly staff, Pool and Snooker table, Live sports (UBC) - Bundesliga, F1, Premier League etc.
Iyara Seafood	Thai/ Western	Seafood restaurant in a picturesque setting on the lagoon with good views of the beach and the mountain
Just Thai	Thai	Quality Thai cuisine served in the pleasant surroundings of this well-presented Thai restaurant at Amari Emerald Cove Resort.
KA-TI Culinary	Thai/ Western	You can taste a wide range of authentic Thai dishes in this restaurant. If you like you can take a course to learn how to cook them yourself.
Phu Talay Seafood	Thai/ Seafood	Seafood restaurant over the water where the river meets the sea. They also have Thai gondola trips and offer Chinese and Western dishes.
Sassi	Italian	This Italian restaurant is on the second floor of Amari Emerald Cove Resort. It serves the best in classic Italian cuisine.
Sea Breeze	Thai/ Western	Beachside bar and restaurant at Tropicana hotel. Full a la carte Thai and Western menu
Sofia Garden Resort	Thai/ Western	The restaurant at this new lagoon-side resort provides diners with a choice of Thai and Western dishes with Finnish specialities.
Thale Bungalows	Thai/ Western	This bar and restaurant has a great location with the sea on one side and the lagoon on the other.
The Cove Terrace	Thai/ Western	This international restaurant on the beachfront at Amari Emerald Cove is open from 6.30 am to 11 pm daily.
The Pumpkin	Thai	This new restaurant offers a menu consisting of Thai health food and freshly pressed herbal drinks
Upper Crust	European/ Fusion	This newly-opened restaurant features fusion dishes that combine several international cuisines. They also have live Thai music and dance.
V.J. Hotel & Spa	Thai/ Western	Restaurant and bar beside the sea at this new hotel on Klong Prao beach.
Yam Yams	Bar/ Indian	Comfortable bar in V.J. Plaza. Good English-style Indian curries
Yello's bar	Bar	The bar at this bungalow resort has live sport on UBC and is a set in a well-tended garden
Yes Bar 1	Thai/ Western	This bar has a pool table and offers free internet access. They also offer western and Thai dishes and a variety of cocktails.
Yes Bar 2	Thai	The new Yes Bar has Thai food, seafood and Issan food. If you call they will pick you up from your hotel or even the ferry on your arrival.

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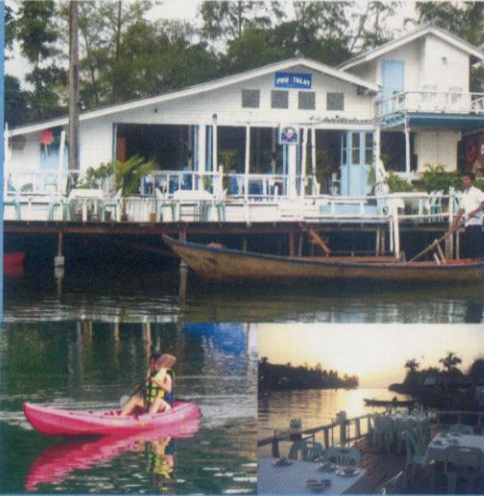


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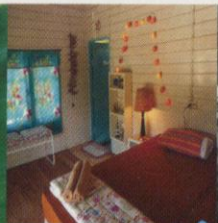


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Kai Bae

a'Lee Bar Bar *Thai/Western* Bar and restaurant with snacks, breakfasts, seafood, western and Thai dishes. Live football is shown.

Casamarina *Bar* Friendly bar and guesthouse next to 7-eleven with a pool table and an upstairs balcony.

Coral Resort *Thai/Western* American breakfasts in the morning and a Thai and Western menu at this restaurant with the sea on one side and a river on the other.

Gaja Puri *Thai/Western* Ma-Tang restaurant at the newly completed Gaja-Puri resort promises to offer quality dining in high-class surroundings.

K.B. Restaurant *Thai/Western* This restaurant has an indoor and a beach patio seating area where food from their large Thai, Western and Barbeque menu is served.

Kai Bae Beach Resort *Thai/Seafood* Restaurant by the beach with great views out over the islands. Thai and Seafood Barbeques on the menu.

Kai Bae Marina *Thai/Western* This restaurant is noted for its large steaks. It also offers Italian pizza & Thai specialities. Deutsche Küche. Nightly movies on a cinema screen.

Kai Bae Paradise *Music Bar* Wooden bar at the front of Kai Bae Plaza. There is a live band playing nightly and audience participation is encouraged.

Kharmha *Mexican/European* A cosy Swedish/Thai run Restaurant next to the first 7-Eleven serving special Mexican dishes as well as a Thai and European menu.

Lanna Cafe *Coffee* Relaxed and friendly coffee shop offering Koh Chang's only outlet for ethical and delicious Fair Trade coffees

Lek Bar & Diner *Western/Thai* Large place with pool table, live sports, bar and comfortable seating. The Diner serves fresh seafood and a range of Western and Thai dishes.

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Mango *Thai/Western* new bar and restaurant with a seafood, Thai and western menu. The have Guesthouse a pool table and there is live music every weekend.

Porn's Bungalows *Thai* The restaurant and bar at this chilled-out beach resort serves Thai meals and drinks until late. They have table tennis and a pool table

Ta Tum *Thai/Western* This new restaurant and bar offers a Thai, western and seafood menu.

The Garden *Thai/Western* Restaurant and Bar with pool table at this new hotel in the middle of Kai Bae village.

Wine Gallery *Bar* Koh Chang's only bar offering a large range of beers and spirits at wholesale prices. They play Latino-Cuban style music.

Ziva Italian Restaurant *Italian* Fernanda's stylish restaurant serves true Italian dishes including pizzas, pastas, lasagne, ice-cream and other home-made specialities.

Lonely Beach

BB Divers Pool & Lounge *Thai/Western* This dive shop/bar/restaurant combination has its own swimming serves Pizza and Thai/European food. Regular pool parties.

Bhumiyama *Thai/Western* Bar and Restaurant in this attractive beachside resort.

Janina's *Thai/German* This resort has a Thai and German menu that includes German Breakfast, Burgers, Coffee. They are also a bakery.

Joy Cottages *Thai/Western* A Thai and Western menu specialising in seafood at this attractive little restaurant and adjoining bar beside the river.

Lemon Bar *Thai/Western* Bar and Restaurant with regular DJ's and a chilled out atmosphere. They offer an interesting range of Thai and Western food as well.



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Little Eden	Thai	If you fancy something different then come and try the menu here at Koh Chang's first and currently only Thai Tapas restaurant
Lonely Beach Resort	Thai/ Western	This bar offers breakfasts, Thai food and full bar next to their high speed internet cafe and resort. They also have a new beer garden area.
Oasis Resort	Thai/ Western	Sunset restaurant at Oasis Resort offers a wide selection of Thai and Western classic dishes.
Ploy Talay Inn	Thai/ Seafood	Fresh seafood barbeque is the speciality at the restaurant at this new Inn but they also offer an extensive Thai and Western menu.
The Sunflower	Thai/ Western	Authentic Thai & Western Food. Extensive breakfast menu. Laid back atmosphere.
Tree House	Thai/ Western	Picturesque bar with food on wooden platform over the shore Popular with travellers
Warapura	Thai/ Western	Waterside dining with a Thai and Western menu at the bar and restaurant at this new resort.

Bailan Beach

Bailan Beach Resort	Thai/ Western	The waterfront restaurant at this resort offers a Thai and European menu serving meals from breakfast into the evening.
Bailan Hut/ Miss Naughty	Thai/Euro	Chilled out bar/restaurant on stilts over the sea. Extensive menu with tasty Thai and European food fresh coffee, pizza and home-made bread
Orchid Resort	Thai/ Western	The restaurant at this resort is set in a pleasant garden next to their swimming pool and offers all kinds of Thai and Western favourites
Rock Inn	Thai/	Thai and German specialities at the restaurant. The Bar offers movies on a big screen and look out for live music nights.



Bang Bao

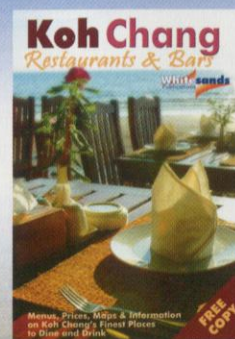
Bang Bao Cliff Cottages	Thai/ Western	This relaxed bungalow resort offers meals in the lovely setting of their waterfront bar and restaurant area.
Buddha View	Thai/ Western	Seafood and Thai restaurant near to the end of the pier with live seafood and excellent views
Casa Del Mar	Thai/ Western	This relaxed guesthouse a little off the main pier has comfortable balcony seats where you can enjoy their Thai and Western meals.
Chai Shop	Teas/ Snacks	This café offers a variety of teas and snacks as well as an interesting selection of clothes, books and crafts for sale.
Nirvana	Thai/ Western	Quality dining at this resort restaurant with great views over Bang Bao bay
Sea Bird	Thai/ Western	This popular Bang Bao restaurant with a fun family atmosphere offers live seafood cooked to order with great views over the bay.
Supannee's	Thai/ Western	This restaurant and guesthouse is located in the 7-Eleven Plaza at the beginning of Bang Bao Pier.
The Blue Cafe	Western/ Thai	At the end of the pier. Offers sandwiches & snacks, full breakfasts, burgers, pies and a range of Thai dishes.
View Talay Kitchen	Thai/ Western	This restaurant looks out over the bay from Home Stay Beach Resort.

Klong Son

Jungle Way	Thai/ Western	Relaxed place by a stream in the midst of nature up a valley a long way from the bustle of the tourist centres
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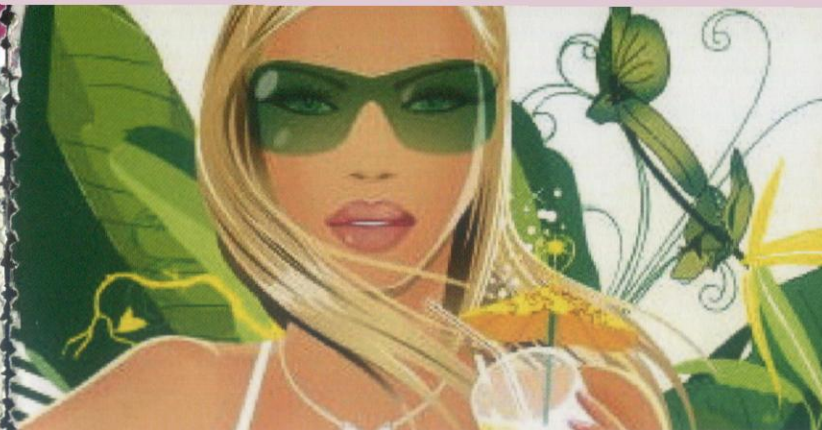
Funky Hut	<i>Thai/ Western</i>	Individually prepared dishes. Thai, International and East meets west dishes prepared by Thai and Western chefs. Try their famous burgers.
Island View Resort	<i>Thai/ Seafood</i>	Delicious fresh seafood over the water at this restaurant sitting at the end of a pier offering fantastic views of Salak Phet bay.
Salak Phet Guesthouse	<i>Thai/ Seafood</i>	There is a restaurant and bar at this guesthouse in Salak Phet village that serves a variety of Thai, Western and Seafood menu items.
Sunset Dinners	<i>Thai/ Seafood</i>	This romantic idea involves being punted across Salak Khok bay at sunset dining on a Thai and Seafood banquet in specially-made boats
The Spa Koh Chang Resort	<i>Vegetarian</i>	This resort offers a comprehensive vegetarian menu. The Koh Samui branch is very highly praised so this place is well worth a try.

Mainland

Suanpu Restaurant	<i>Thai/ Seafood</i>	Restaurant at Ban Pu resort in Laem Sork. The menu has Thai food and fresh seafood and the waterfront view is impressive.
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Koh Mak

Good Time Resort	<i>Thai</i>	The new restaurant at this resort is tastefully furnished with antique teak wood furniture and serves authentic Thai cuisine.
Koh Mak Cococape	<i>Thai/ Seafood</i>	The restaurant at this resort is located between the pool and the seaside and offers breakfasts and a Thai and seafood menu.
Koh Mak Resort	<i>Thai/ Seafood</i>	The restaurant and bar at this resort sits at the end of the pier beside the beach and offers a Thai and Western menu.
Lazy Day Restaurant	<i>Thai/ Seafood</i>	At this restaurant and seafood kitchen they provide fresh, locally caught seafood and a selection of Thai dishes rich in herbs and flavour.
Makathanee Resort	<i>Thai/ Seafood</i>	The Makathanee restaurant has a menu that specialises in Thai dishes, particularly those involving seafood.



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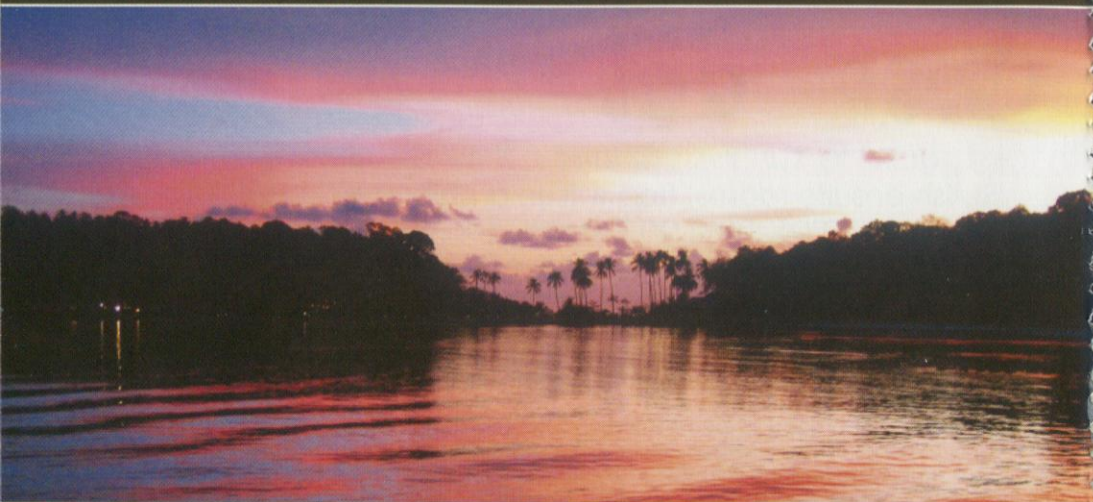
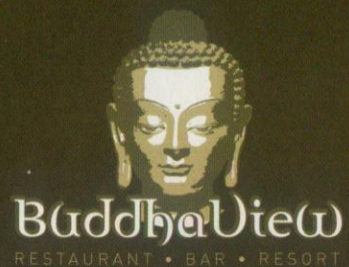
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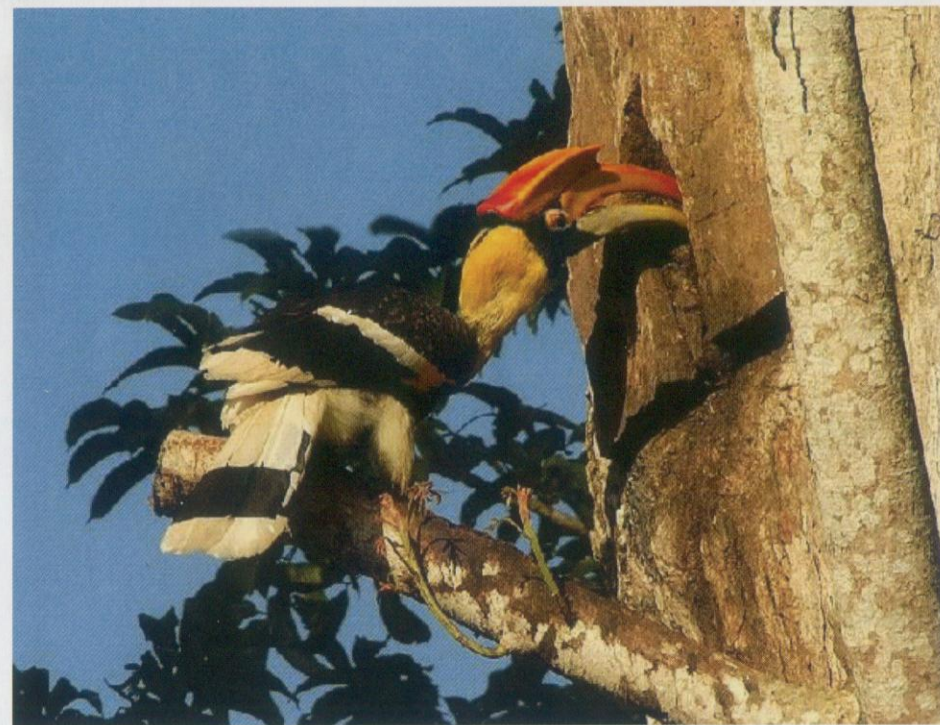
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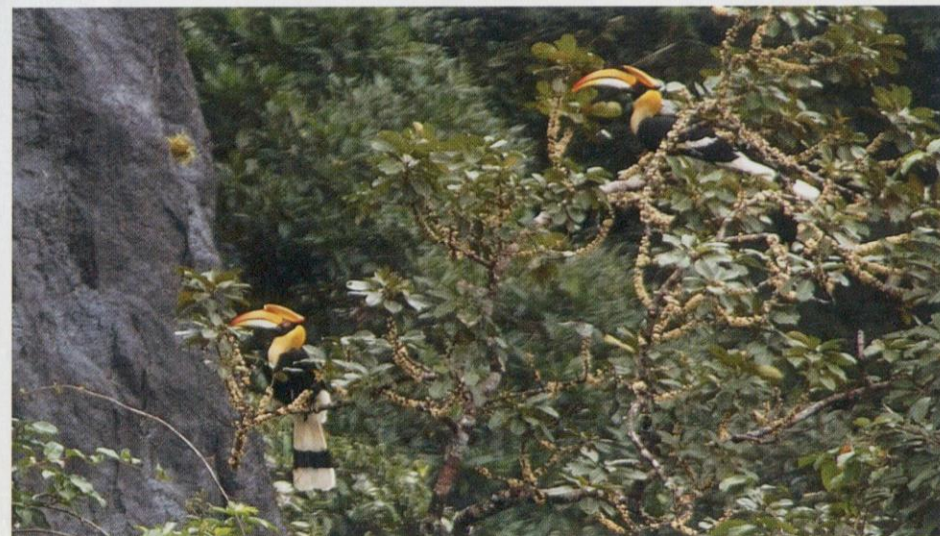


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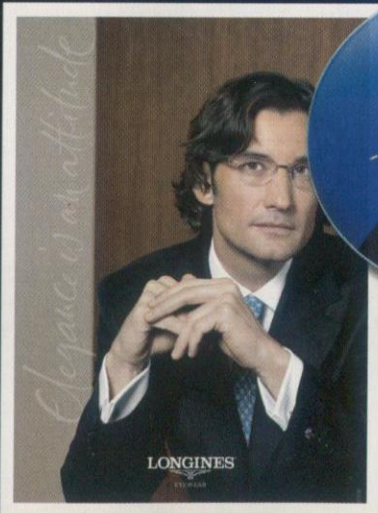
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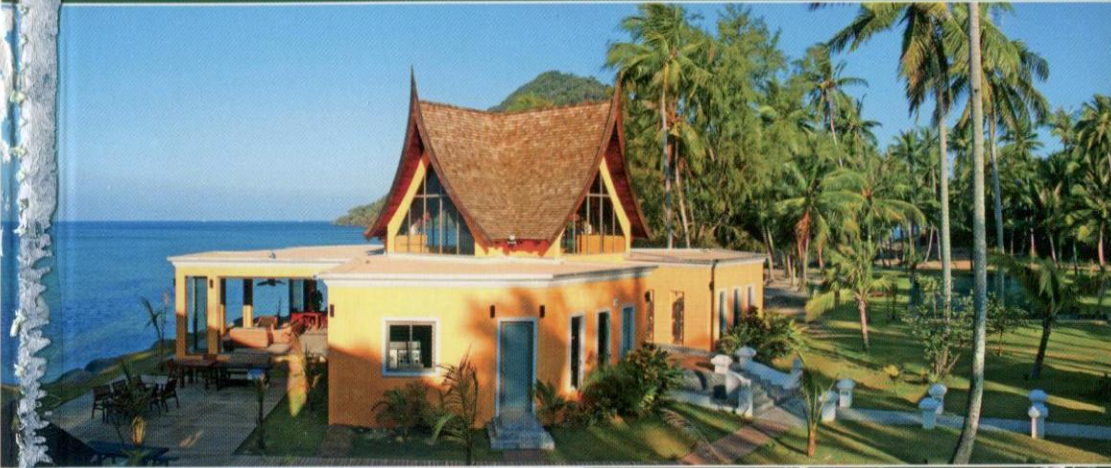
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